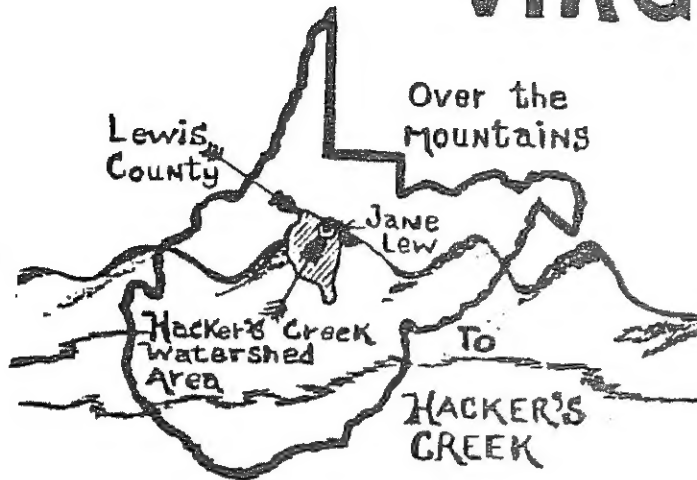


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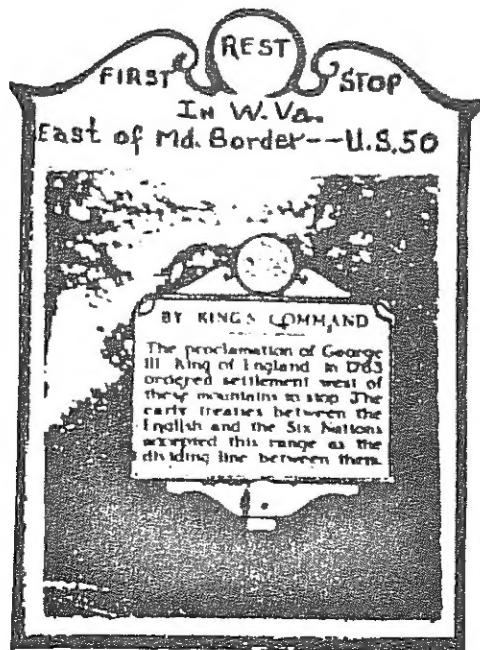
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explanation of cover--

The line at top coming from East, or right,  
goes to West--bringing in people to West Virginia

The mountains super-imposed on the outline  
of the State shows the roughness, or hardships,  
of their travel. As they usually would move on  
at the "crack of dawn," the sun is shining on  
the east side of the mountains and shadows are  
falling on the west side.

Arrows pointing to specific spots have  
arrowheads for points to represent the  
problems early settlers faced.

The road sign is self-explanatory.

Various types of printing represent different  
families, names, etc.

The line extending off the page to the left,  
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April 17, 1985

Dear HCPD Members:

Oh! Those West Virginia Hills! Spring is here and I am "chompin' at the bit" to get back home for a weekend. I'm sure that many of you feel the same way.

You'll notice that this issue has a few more pages than normal; this is due to the inclusion of the Vandalia Cemetery records and an excellent article about some Revolutionary War pension applicants by Dennis Rodgers. Dennis' article just might give some of you food for thought if your ancestor's application was denied for a seemingly unjust reason.

Several people have asked for a Hacker's Creek Tour Guide - some of us are working on one. We're not sure, though, if we can have it ready for this summer's vacations. We're trying and will let you know.

Our tax-exempt status is moving along. We have received our Employer Tax Identification Number. Surely the final approval can't be far behind.

We're out of back-issues - again!!! Lolita is having more printed. If you have submitted an order for a copy and have not received it, this is probably the reason. As soon as they are ready, they will be in the mail to you.

Doris Poinsett of 5920 31st Pl NW, Washington, DC 20015, has again printed Helen A. Bumgardner's INDEX THE BORDER SETTLERS OF NORTHWESTERN VIRGINIA. Copies are \$4 including postage, as long as the supply lasts.

I have the 1870 census of Barbour County (Indexed) for Sale. \$12.50 including postage.

Bob and I are still seeking information on anyone buried in Morrison Cemetery or their families. A book about the cemetery is in the works and we would like it to be as complete as possible. Funds from this book will be used toward the upkeep of the cemetery.

Speaking of Morrison Cemetery, donations are again needed to pay for the upkeep of the cemetery. Send them to Jim Strong. Mark your check for the Morrison Cemetery Fund.

I have a collection of several Hacker's Creek genealogies that might make a good publication for the organization. Anyone out there interested in typing the final copy for print????

Ellie Maroon of Altamont, Illinois, is indexing this volume of the Journal. Thanks! Ellie, for your help.

The Taylor County, W. Va., Genealogical Society and the Marion County Historical Society are publishing histories of their respective counties. If you are interested in either of these counties, you might contact their groups.

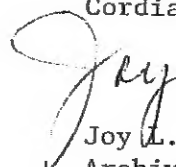
You may begin paying your dues for 1986 on July 1. Send to Jim.

The next gathering promises to be as informative and exciting as the last. Make plans now to attend.

Anyone going across Ohio on I-70 or I-77 on their summer vacation is welcome to write or give me a call and make arrangements to use the HCPD materials. Although I work during the day, we can spend the evening researching and exchanging information.

Have a fun summer!!!!!!

Cordially,



Joy L. Gilchrist  
Archivist, Historian  
and Editor

#### FOURTH ANNUAL HACKER'S CREEK PIONEER DESCENDANTS GATHERING

Bob Smith, President of HCPD, has appointed the following to the Arrangements Committee for the fourth gathering to be held September 27, 28 and 29 at Jackson's Mill: Barbara McCarty, Chairman; Larry Smith; Ann Walker; and Jim Strong.

Because HCPD has outgrown the West Virginia Building, the meeting place has been changed to the Assembly Hall which is located about halfway between the mill and the dining hall.

Registration for members is \$2.00; non-members - \$5. It is important that those planning to eat at the mill for any meal make their reservations by the July 15 deadline if at all possible. These helps the organization to be guaranteed of the discount rate.

Red identification tags will be issued to all non-members. No browsers - all who enter must pay the registration fee.

Genealogical societies from other counties in West Virginia are being asked to participate with displays and tables. Each outside organization, will be required to pay a \$10.00 table fee. Members who wish to display, as they have in the past, will not be charged a fee. Members are asked not to abuse this right by selling items for other organizations to which they might belong at their table.

Although advance registration is urged, walk-ins will be welcome. Deadline for meal reservations and lodging is July 15. All must be paid in advance. If it is necessary to cancel, refunds will be made as late as three days prior to the gathering.

##### Tentative Schedule:

Thursday evening: All persons staying Thursday night should register in the camp office for their rooms.

##### Friday - September 27:

- 7:30am - Breakfast in dining hall - Someone from HCPD will meet you at the dining hall door with your ticket for this meal.
- 9:00am - 11:30am - Registration in Assembly Hall. Family meetings, exchange information, time to visit courthouse, area libraries, etc.
- 12:15pm - Lunch in dining hall.
- 1:00pm - 4:30pm - Same schedule as morning.
- 5:30pm - Supper in dining hall.
- 6:30pm - 7:30pm - Registration
- 7:30pm - Official opening ceremonies - appointment of nominating committee.

##### Saturday - September 28

- 7:30pm - Breakfast in dining hall.
- 8:30am - Registration resumes. Get together with others in your family lines.
- 10:30am - Annual Business meeting and election of officers for 1986.
- 12:15pm - Lunch in dining hall.
- 1:00 pm - Slide show that is being prepared for Stonewall Jackson Heritage Days (Labor Day Weekend) and other slides that have been taken of the area. The meeting room is large enough that those who would rather browse and "record" will be able to do so.

Sat. - Sept. 28 - cont.

5:30pm - Supper in dining hall

7:30pm - Evening program. Bill Adler will continue his stories and comments from 1984. John Randolph, Curator of Fort New Salem and a Hacker's Creek descendant, will also be speaking for us. Anyone who plays a musical instrument is invited to bring it along and participate in the Hacker Wacker Impromteau Band which will be performing for us.

Sunday, September 29

8:00am - Breakfast in dining hall. Note that this is a later time than the first two days.

10:00am - Official church services for the gathering will be at the Buckhannon Run United Methodist Church. Rides are available for those needing transportation. Those who wish to do so, are urged to attend the church of their choice. Rev. Sheldon Workman will be the minister and our own Joyce Chambers will be offering her inspiring music.

12:15pm - Sunday lunch

1:00pm - More time to exchange and meet together.

3:00pm - One last meeting to say "Goodbye until next year!"

HCPD will have a key to the building and it will be open as late as anyone cares to use it on every day except Sunday. On Sunday, the building will be closed at 5:00pm.

Remember!!!!!! This schedule is tentative and subject to change.

Anyone with ideas and suggestions for the gathering, please send them to Barbara (Swisher) McCarty, Rt. 1, Jane Lew, WV 26378. She will take them to the Arrangements Committee Meeting.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU AT JACKSON'S MILL  
IN OCTOBER!!!!!!!!!!!!

Reservation form on page 169.

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#### STONEWALL JACKSON HERITAGE DAYS

Stonewall Jackson Heritage Days are Labor Day weekend at Jackson's Mill. This large festival draws very large crowds to see its excellent exhibits. HCPD has been invited to participate - if we can meet the standards set by the Heritage Days Committee.

As a result of the invitation, the Executive Committee has been working all winter on a slide show about Hacker's Creek. The script has been written, many of the slides have been taken, and the music is underway. John Randolph will be the narrator.

If the show is accepted by the Heritage Days committee as an exhibit, we will be needing folks from the Harrison-Lewis County area to work at the display on Labor Day weekend. If you think that you can help, please contact: Maurice Allman, Rt. 2 Box 264D, Philippi, WV 26416. Just send him a postcard. Someone will then contact you about the booth sometime in August. Watch the July issue to see if the show was accepted.

### REUNIONS

CRISLIP/CHRISLIP/CHRISTLIEB Family Reunion - July 14 weekend at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon. Send SASA to Marjorie Herring, 12016 Midlake Dr., Dallas, TX 75218 for further information.

SQUIRES Reunion - Sunday, June 30, Cooper's Rock State Forest nr Morgantown. All Squires family descendants invited. Write to Joy Gilchrist, 22406 SR 751, West Lafayette, Oh 43845 for further info.

We will attempt to publish all reunion information on reunions to be held in August, September and October in the July issue. Send to Joy by June 15.

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### BUSH BRANCHES

Vol. 4 of BUSH BRANCHES now available. 36 pages, plus index. Send \$5.75 (postage and handling included) to Bette Butcher Topp, RR 3 Box 152, Chattaroy, WA 99003.

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### POCAHONTAS

Mrs. Frances Cochran Stafford who wanted info desc. of Pocahontas. Yes, your husband is desc. of Pocahontas and she is bur. Gravesend nr London, England. Her tombstone reads: "1616 March 21 Rebecca Wrolfe, wyffe of Thomas Wrolfe, gent. A Virginia lady borne, and buried in the chauncel." Yes, I do have a photo of her grave. Any good library whould have the book, POCAHONTAS AND HER DESCENDANTS by Wyndham Robertson, first printed in 1887. If not, please feel free to contact me. Mrs. Jan Cosgrove, 15 College Ave., Buckhannon, WV 26201.

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### SASE

When corresponding with anyone re your family history, it is a courtesty to send a Stamped and Self-Addressed Envelope. In recent months, several notes have been received from members asking the editor to mention this is the Journal.

If you have written to someone and not received an answer, ask yourself, "Did I send an SASE?" This might be the reason for not receiving an answer. Postage is 22¢ - and that means only 4 letters to the dollar. That's not a lot to some people, but to others - retired persons, family persons - it is.

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### DONATIONS

Several publications have been donated to the HCPD library. As you can see, this issue is larger than usual and there's not room to list them this time. Look for the list next issue.



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### FIVE GENERATION CHARTS

Jim Strong, our Secretary-Treasurer, has suggested that HCPD publish a book of ancestral charts and make them available to our members for purchase. The Executive Board thinks this is a good idea. It will make much valuable information available to all our members and help replenish the coffers.

Each member is entitled to submit as many charts as he/she needs for their family.

The blank chart, on the last page of this issue, is to be used. Please feel free to make as many copies as you need. Each chart must be signed by the person submitting the chart.

We would like to have these books ready for distribution at the gathering in September. In order to allow time for indexing, printing and collating, we must have your ancestral charts no later than August 1.

We will publish the book, whether we have 10 or 1000 charts. So, take an evening, sit down and assemble your information and mail them to: ANCESTRAL CHARTS, %James J. Strong, 221 Highland, SW, Massillon, Oh 44646.

Each chart should be typed and camera ready. If this is a problem for you, let either Jim or Joy know.

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### ?????? LETTERS FROM HOY M. JOHNSTON AND TAYLOR I. BOLTON ??????

Two letters concerning HCPD have recently appeared in W. Va. publications. The first, reprinted below, was in the "Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram" in January.

## Reader's Comments

I am writing in hopes that readers of the Telegram may give me some ideas or thoughts concerning the death of an organization.

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Taylor I. Bolton  
623 Green St.  
Bridgeport 26330

The second, reprinted next, appeared in the March, 1985, "West Virginia Then and Now, "The New West Virginia Hillbilly."

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281 Center Srench Street  
Clarksburg, WV 26301

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Hoy M. Johnston

These letters have been photocopied, then cut and pasted, and are exactly as they appeared in the two publications, with the only exception being that the columns were made shorter to fit our publication.

While it seems almost a crime to waste valuable genealogical space on letters such as these, it is also important that some of the statements in these letters be refuted and others explained. The members are concerned about HCPD and have responded to the officers in regards to these two letters.

To the best of our knowledge, Taylor I. Bolton and Hoy M. Johnston are non-existent persons as are the streets on which they are purported to live. In fact, there isn't even a Center Street in Clarksburg. Letters addressed to both of these persons at the addresses given have been returned to various members of HCPD as "No Such Address". Neither Bolton or Johnston are found in the Clarksburg telephone book and neither is now or has ever been a member of HCPD. Nor did the records show any such person in attendance at the last gathering.

Joy Gilchrist and Betty Graybill did conceive the idea of HCPD over a cup of coffee, but the idea was formed in Stark County, Ohio, where both women lived at the time. Joy left West Virginia in 1959 upon her graduation from Washington Irving in Clarksburg and Betty left about 14 years ago, after her graduation in Lewis County. Thus, neither woman deserted HCPD in W. Va., but rather made special trips "home" from the very earliest days of its conception to get the organization going.

Yes, much has been accomplished by the group in the way of preserving and locating old historical sites, graves, etc., in the Hacker's Creek area. It is also the organization's purpose to be "interested in the genealogy of their own family lines." and this idea is espoused in the group's By-Laws as approved at the 1984 gathering and published in HCJ Vol. III, Issue 1. Therefore, it is great that "17 individual family genealogy groups has been formed from the HCPD's members." If we are not interested in our own family lines, we certainly aren't going to be interested in someone else's.

About 30 persons were present when the business meeting began on Sunday, instead of the 11 mentioned in the letters. The small attendance was due primarily to the bad weather and the great distances people had to travel (see HCJ, Vol. III, Issue 1, p. 11). There were 11 persons left to clean up the building after everyone else was gone.

With 264 persons on the rolls as of March 1, an increase of about 15 persons over the rolls of October, there doesn't appear to be any "erosion" in the organization and there is no need for concern.

However, the officers are always open to suggestions and constructive criticism, and are anxious to listen to any ideas any of the members

(FROM THE CAIRO EVENING CITIZEN)

"YOUR GRANDPA FARM NEAR OSBORN OHIO"



THIS CLIPPING WAS SENT BY A RELATIVE (IN OHIO?) TO MY GRANDFATHER, OWEN CORDIS HARDMAN (IN COLORADO). OWEN'S "GRANDPA" WAS HENRY HARDMAN - BUT MY FATHER BELIEVED THE FARM WAS THAT OF HENRY'S FATHER, PETER HARDMAN, JR. (HENCE THE NOTATION I MADE ON THE CLIPPING LONG AGO) MAYBE IT WAS BOTH!

Mary Alice Hardman Egan

MIGRATIONS, MASSACRES AND SUCH

In the last segment of this family history, it was asked that readers submit any additional information they might have on Hardman family members that have already been covered. A wealth of information was submitted by several persons. Before the story is continued, therefore, we include the information submitted by those readers.

John Hardman, s/o Peter and Margaret Sleeth (Hacker) Hardman. Information submitted by Frances Doherty 815 S. 18th Street, Apt. 302, Arlington, Va.

b. 20 Jan 1800 in Harrison Co., Va.; m. 12 May 1836 in Shelby Co., to Milley Sleeth (b.22 Feb 1812), d/o Alexander and Christenia (Keith) Sleeth. Their children were: James Wesley (b. 18 Feb 1837/Shelby Co., Ind. - d. ????); Asa Sleeth (23 Jan 1839/Shelby Co., Ind. - 19 Feb 1920/Leesburg, Fla.) m. (1) Louisa Sheads (2) Mary E.H. Watts on 7 Jun 1867 and (2) Samantha Jane Ryan; Margaret, b. 17 Sept 1841 in Shelby Co., Ind.; William S., b. 16 Dec 1843 in Shelby Co., Ind.

Asa Sleeth changed the spelling of his middle name to Sleath. He was a Civil War veteran.

- see Part I, Vol. III, Issue 1, p. 48 -

Jacob W. Hardman, s/o Peter and Margaret Sleeth (Hacker) Hardman. Information submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bracken and compiled by Nancy B. Walls.

b. 29 Apr 1804 in Harrison Co., (W.) Va.; m. 26 Apr 1832 to Sarah Woodward (20 Dec 1806/nr. Williamsport, Pa. - 20 May 1870/South Bend, Ind.). A history of St. Joseph County, Ind., states that they had four sons and 3 daughters with four dying young and one dying in the Civil War. The 1850 census indicates these three children: Francis, ae 12; Julia Margaret, ae 8; and Mary O., ae 2. Mary m. James Banning and d. in 1879.

The clippings on pages 126-7 were submitted also.

- see Vol. III, Issue 2, p. 89 -

Peter Hardman, the Greene County migrant and s/o Peter and Charlotte Hardman. Also information on his son Henry. Submitted by Mary Alice Hardman Egan, 5621 Mirador Circle, Shreveport, La 71119.

See pgs. 124 and 128.

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Phineas Davis, submitted by Robert Smith from the Davis family history by Susie Davis Nicholson.

b. 29 Sept 1794 in the blockhouse at New Salem, (W.) Va.; d. 1845 in Mechanicsburg, Oh.; m. (1) Rulana F. Randolph on 16 May 1816. Rulana d/o Jonathan F. and Mary Davis Randolph.



# WHEN SOUTH BEND WAS YOUNG

BY OTTO M. KNOBLOCK

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Again we have decided to reminisce and have taken the story of Dr. Jacob Hardman who was South



Bend's first physician. His story is as follows:

"I was born on Sunday morning, April 29, 1804, in Harrison county, West Virginia. From there I moved with

Otto M. Knoblock my father to Greene county, Ohio, in 1808. By an unfortunate grapple with a young stallion, after matured years, I was crippled in my right arm. Without any aid or assistance from friends, I commenced as best I could, to educate myself for the study and practice of medicine. Preparatory education, some teaching and a term of medical studies consumed a term of seven years. My studies and instruction in medicine were accomplished with Messrs. Ambrose Blount and Harvey Humphries.

At the end of three years reading and studying in Springfield, Ohio, overshadowed with debt, and without means to attend medical lectures, I went before the censors of the second Medical District of Ohio, at the city of Dayton (a provision by statute law in said state for the benefit of indigent pupils) was examined, pronounced competent in all the branches of the profession and received a certificate to that effect. I also received a license to practice medicine in all its branches wheresoever I desired.

The next year I emigrated to South Bend arriving August 2, 1831. I was the first of my profession to locate in the county. Having arrived in the afternoon with letters of introduction to two of the most prominent citizens of the place, and some vouchers, I made myself known and was given a warm welcome.

Thus, I continued in the practice of my profession with varied success, as did my contemporaries. At the breaking out of the Rebellion in 1861, I was, by the governor of the state, Oliver P. Morton, appointed Assistant Surgeon in the 9th Indiana Volunteers, which position in 45 days I resigned. In May, 1864, I presented myself before the examining Board of Medical Surgeons of the United States, at the city of Nashville, Tennessee, Hospital No. 1, College Hill, where I continued with acceptability until by failing health, in March, 1865, I was compelled to resign my position and return home. From this time on, owing to continued debility, I never opened an office and offered my professional services to the public, although compelled to prescribe, advise, and to some extent visit among some of the old patrons and their descendants.

"Now to return. April 25, 1832, I returned to Fairfield, and married Miss Sarah Woodward, a finely educated lady, of German-Scottish descent, born December 19, 1806, at Williamsport, Pa. We have had four sons and three daughters, four of whom died in early life, and one died in the army in the South. My wife died May 20, 1872. I am now (1890) keeping house with my eldest daughter, Julia Margaret.

"In early life, I joined the Methodist Episcopal church, and was long connected with the pioneer Sunday school of South Bend.

"The heads of families in South Bend when I arrived here were: Alexis Coquillard, Benjamin Coquillard, Peter Johnson, Frederick Bainter, Thomas B. Johnson, Samuel L. Cottrell, Benjamin Polter, Samuel Newman, Charles Quasterhous, Peter Neco, Hannah Skinner, (widow), Hiram Dayton, Solomon Parsons, Louis St. Combe, Calvin Lillyer, Solomon Barkdoll, Andrew Mack, Samuel Martin, William Stanfield, David

Gillum, Benjamin Cushman, Oliver Bennett, Joseph Nickels and John A. Case.

"The young and unmarried ladies of the village included in families were: Matilda Newell, Keziah Cartwright, Polly Holt, Maria Stillson, Lydia Skinner, Eliza Stillson, and Mary Gillum, making eight. The young gentlemen over twenty-one years old were Heratio Chapin, Eliza Egbert, John D. Lasley, William Creviston, Levi F. Arnold, John B. Ozla, Horace M. Wood, William M. Taylor, Edmund P. Taylor, James Thompson, Reuben Hildreth, Peter D. Shaw, James De Grote, Christian Wolfe, Simon Mason, Zina Skinner, John D. De Frees, and myself, making in all a population of 163 in the village proper. The first winter we formed a debating society, a mock legislative body, and had fun generally. In the meantime we formed a temperance society, and in one sense it was unfortunate for me that I was made president, which position I continued to occupy up to 1836 or 1839.

"In 1837 I was candidate for county recorder, but was defeated by William H. Paterson because of my temperance principles. I was coroner one year, however, and justice of the peace one term. I was also appointed (in 1834) Major of the 79th Indiana Militia."

Here ends Doctor Hardman's story.

In the history of Dr. Hardman's ancestry are many interesting passages, especially in connection with their early settlement in Kentucky, their bloodcurdling experiences with the Indians all of which we would give space if we could.

Dr. Hardman lived to be 81 years of age and was a resident of South Bend up to the time of his death in 1885. At the northeast corner of Lafayette and Jefferson streets stood a small white brick house which was occupied by the Hardman family for many years.

Doctor Daniel Dayton

One other physician of the same years as Dr. Hardman was Dr. Daniel Dayton who left his home in New York and came to the town of Portage in 1836, traveling by canal, steamboat, and private carriage. He brought with him his bride and they settled in the then

Nourishing little town of Portage on the north edge of South Bend. When Portage was abandoned in 1839 he moved to South Bend where he lived for 53 years holding several village and county offices. He was well prepared for his life's work as he held a B. A. from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, N. Y. N. D. from Geneva Medical college, N. Y., and M. A. from Dartmouth college.

His family was recruited when he was one of the agents of the Indiana State University for several years and member of the Board of Education 8th District, Indiana, from May 1, 1883 to Mar 30 1893 with rank of captain United States Army.

He was twice married. His first wife and two children died in 1810. The second Mrs. Dayton was Mrs. Mary Hays and of their union three children were born, one still living in South Bend. Admiral Hays was Dr. Dayton was

## ILLNESS IS FATAL TO AGED WOMAN

N. J. — 9-4-29  
Mrs. Hanna J. Hardman,  
Pioneer Resident, Dies  
Wednesday.

Mrs. Hanna Jane Hardman, 81, 1816 Lincolnway W., died early Wednesday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Roland Obenchain, 1045 Riverside drive after an illness of 10 weeks. Mrs. Hardman was born July 1, 1848 in Warren township, St. Joseph county and lived in this vicinity all her life. She was married to Harrison Hardman in Warren township in 1866.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Obenchain, at whose home she died, two brothers, David Augustine, and Joseph Augustine, and one sister, Mrs. Francis Dunnall, of South Bend. There are nine grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon at the residence with the Rev. Clyde Forney officiating, assisted by J. W. Grater. Mr. Forney is pastor of the First Church of the Brethren of which Mrs. Hardman was a member. Burial will take place at Mount Pleasant cemetery.

## Dec 23 Harrison Hardman. 1914

Harrison Hardman, aged 75, of 1709 Michigan avenue, a resident of South Bend all his life, was stricken with apoplexy this morning at 4:45 o'clock and died before a physician could arrive. Mr. Hardman leaves his wife, Mrs. Hanna Hardman, three children, Arthur, of North Liberty, Ind., Wilbert, of Stanley, North Dakota, and Miss Alma Hardman, at home, and one brother, Hiram, of Willard, Mo. The deceased was born in Dowagiac, Mich., Feb. 21, 1840, and had retired from active life. He was married to Miss Hannah Augustine on Christmas Day in 1866. Funeral services will be held from the residence at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, Elder J. W. Grater, of the Second South Bend church of the Brethren, officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant cemetery. 12-23-14

## SUCCUMBS TO ILLNESS.

Miss Margaret Hardman, Pioneer Settler Here, Dies in Marion.

Miss Margaret Hardman, age 85, of Marion, Ind., died in her home Monday morning after a several months' illness. Miss Hardman was the daughter of the late Dr. Jacob Hardman, first physician in St. Joseph county. Until 12 years ago she resided in South Bend where she was well known.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the A. M. Russell funeral chapel. Rev. Albert E. Monger, D. D., of the First Methodist Episcopal church, officiating. Burial will be in City cemetery.

Miss Hardman is survived by two nieces, Miss Catherine Banning, of Honolulu, and Mrs. Rice, of Barberton, O. The latter will accompany the body here to-morrow. Miss Hardman was the survivor of a family of seven children. Five of these brothers and sisters died while children, and one was killed in the south during the civil war.

After the death of her brothers and sisters Miss Hardman lived with her father in their residence on Lafayette boulevard and East Jefferson boulevard. Dr. Hardman was a native of West Virginia and came to this county after graduating from a Dayton O. medical school. His marriage to Miss Sarah Woodward, of Williamsport, Pa., took place in 1832. After Dr. Hardman's death, Miss Hardman made her home with Mr. and Mrs. William E. Swints. She was especially active in the First Methodist Episcopal church.

From the records of Nancy Wall.

Submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bracken

Hardman, Harrison - 01.2

Tipton, Iowa, Thursday, July 6, 1939.

## THE 102 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SUNDAY AT SOUTH BETHEL

### SERVICES BEGIN AT TEN O'CLOCK

There will be no preaching services at the Rochester and Bennett churches this next Sunday morning on account of the South Bethel 102nd anniversary. Sunday school as usual, however, at Rochester and Bennett at 10 A.M.

The anniversary observance at the South Bethel church will begin with a brief Sunday school session at 10:00 o'clock. The morning worship services at 11:00 o'clock. Visiting ministers will assist in the service. Mrs. Evalyn Chapman, Nebergall will be the pianist, and the Gleaner class under the direction of Mrs. Oren Kiser will sing. The Bethel passages from the Scripture will be read. Mrs. Delina Port will sing in the church more than 64 years ago, will sing solos.

A letter received this week from Agnes Samadison, executive secretary of the Iowa State Teachers Association and formerly state superintendent of public instruction, says: "Thank you very much for sending me an invitation to come to the 102nd anniversary of South Bethel church. I remember with very happy memories my coming to the 100th anniversary two summers ago. It was a wonderful event. I remember how beautifully Grandma Port, who sang in the choir over 60 years ago, sang that solo on the afternoon program 'His Bye Is On, The Sparrow.' I wish that it were possible for me to come and request her to sing that song again. I shall not be able to do so because I shall be attending the National Educational Association convention at that time. Rev. Adelbert Collins who was pastor of the South Bethel church in 1919 when the church was remodeled after the tornado will preach the anniversary sermon this year."

Basket dinner at noon in charge of Mrs. E. E. Nebergall, president of the Ladies Aid Society. In the afternoon Dr. W. G. Rowley, superintendent of the Davenport district of the Methodist church will speak on "Family Religion." Special music will be in charge of Mrs. Kiser. There will be refreshments at 2:30 P.M. and a social hour will follow.

In the evening Sigfried Peterson, the new president of the Friendly Five organization of the Bennett, South Bethel, Rochester, Sugar Creek, Red Oak churches will preside. Mrs. Ruth Huitquist, who directed the county high school chorus two years ago will lead in the singing of songs actually sung in the pioneer meetings one hundred and two years ago. In the old Cedar county history published in 1878 we read: "In these days, a neighborhood covering an area of 20 miles square and the people—men and women, young men and maidens—did not hesitate to go that far visiting to church or to singing school. As already stated, the first sermon preached in the county was preached at Colonel Hardman's residence and the first Methodist Episcopal society was organized there. That pioneer cabin was a kind of general center and its 'latch string' was always out whether to visiting neighbors, the wayworn or to people who came together in a public capacity—religious, political or judicial. Its owner was recognized as a factotum and his services were always in demand in some capacity. In the fall of 1833, the young people of the neighborhood prevailed upon Colonel Hardman to open a 'singing school' that they might have an opportunity of cultivating their vocal abilities. He yielded to their solicitations and turned his cabin into a music hall. The books in use at that time were known as the Missouri Harmony, and once a week the young people came from their homes in every direction to 'take music lessons.' This school was kept up for years during which time his scholars became very adept readers of 'buckwheat' notes and in the use of their voices. Neither the boys nor the girls were afraid to open their mouths, and when they undertook to render old Pisgah, New Topla, Cornation, Windham, Easter Anthem, Greenfields, or any of the other old favorites, they woke the forest echoes, and awed or shamed into silence the birds that sang in the adjacent groves."

"This Col. Hardman is Henry Hardman, s/o Margaret Hacker and Peter Hardman, Jr. Henry went to Iowa in 1836. During the Mexican War he raised and trained soldiers to fight in the war, but the war ended before they were called. He was ever after, 'Colonel Henry Hardman.'  
- submitted by Mary Alice Hardman Egan

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Rulna b. 14 May 1798 and d. 25 May 1836. Phineas' parents were William (Bottom Billy) Davis and Elizabeth Havens; his grandparents were James and Judith (Maxon) Davis; his g. grandparents were Rev. William and Elizabeth Priskey Davis.

Margaret Hardman and Obediah Edge, submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bracken and compiled by Nancy B. Walls.

Obediah Edge, (23 Nov 1809/Greene Co., Oh. - 6 Apr 1891/Champaign Co., Oh.) m. (1) Margaret Hardman (1810/Greene Co., Oh. - 22 Jul 1847/Champaign Co., Oh.) and (2) Hannah Spain (11 Dec 1814/Maryland - 21 Jul 1899/Champaign Co., Oh) on 26 Mar 1848 in] Champaign Co., Oh. All three are buried in Maple Grove Cemetery in Mechanicsburg, Oh.

Children by the first marriage: William H. Edge m. Sarah Frank; Robert C. m. Augusta Williams and Martha M. m. Edwin Humphreys.

Children by the second marriage: Margaret Ann m. Joseph Kelly and Reason.

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After Margaret (Hacker) Hardman's death on 20 Jul 1815, Peter Hardman quickly remarried. His second wife was Sarah (Adams) Edge and she bore him seven more children. (See p. 47, Vol. III, Issue 1). They and their descendants follow.<sup>36</sup>

11. Martha Hardman, b. 3 Aug 1816 in Greene Co., Oh.; m. (1) Owen Davis Mills on 30 Nov 1835 in the same county. Martha's marriage to Owen lasted just 3 years and ended with his death in 1838. Nancy Wall of Pleasant Hill, Ohio, a Hardman family researcher and a descendant of Peter and Sarah, believes that Martha's second marriage was to Henry Holsten Looney. Martha died before her father and was not included in his will.

12. Stephen Hardman, b. 20 Aug 1819 in Greene Co., Oh.; m. Margaret Stewart 24 Mar 1842.

13. Delilah C. Hardman, b. 20 Mar 1820 in Greene Co., Oh.; never married; d. 22 Apr 1844 and bur. in Mitman Cemetery at Fairborn with her father, mother and others in the Hardman family.

14. Charlotte Hardman, b. 13 Feb 1822 in Greene Co., Oh.; m. 4 Nov 1845 in Greene Co., Oh., to George W. Looney, a brother to her brother-in-law, Henry Holsten Looney. They lived in Springcreek Twp., east of Piqua, Oh., in the same vicinity as Charlotte's half-brothers, George and Jesse Edge. Charlotte and George had no issue.

15. Peter Elliott Hardman, b. 1 Apr 1824 in Greene Co., Oh.; m. 30 nov 1848 to Maria Clayton (1824-1886); d. 4 Apr 1902 and buried beside his wife in Mitman Cemetery.

Peter lived with his father (Peter) until he was twenty-one and then began cropping on the shares with him. Four years later, with his brother, William Raper, he rented the farm from his father. The boys continued to farm until their father's death in 1857, at which time they inherited the farm. About 1875 or 1876, the brothers decided that Peter would be in complete charge of the farm. Peter was engaged, quite extensively, in agriculture around Osborn and later at Yellow Springs, Ohio. He achieved a great deal of success and was<sup>37</sup> considered well-to-do and one of the prominent men of the community.

Peter and Maria had seven children:

scarlet fever<sup>38</sup> a. George W. Hardman, b. 6 Sept 1849, d. 8 Apr 1852 of and was buried in Mitman Cemetery.  
b. Sarah Catherine Hardman, b. 7 Jul 1850; m. about 1872 to  
; d. 2 Dec 1915.  
c. Owen Peter Hardman, b. 1852; m. Eleanor Miller; and d. 1923.  
d. Ellen M. Hardman, b. 30 Jul 1854 was an "estimable young  
lady"<sup>39</sup> who d. 8 Jul 1873 of "spinal complaint." She was bur. at Mitman.  
e. James R. Hardman, d. 13 Dec 1834.  
f. Clay M./Cassius M. Hardman, b. 1860.  
g. Myrtle "Mertie" Hardman, b. 5 Apr 1869, was much younger  
than her siblings. She d. 9 Feb 1872 of "membranous croup"<sup>40</sup> and was bur.  
in Mitman Cemetery.

16. Nancy Jane Hardman, b. 26 Oct 1828 in Greene Co., Oh.; m. Brown Hosier on 5 Aug 1847 in Greene Co.

17. William H. Raper Hardman, b. 20 Apr 1833 in Greene Co., Oh.; m. Harriet Rebecca Miller on 10 Dec 1857 in the same county; d. 26 Dec 1906 at Yellow Springs, Ohio. Harriet lived another eleven years and d. 30 Mar 1918. Will was involved in agriculture and industry and for a long period of time operated his father's farm with his brother, Peter Elliott. Only one child of this marriage is known to the compiler but there probably were others.

a. Charles L. Hardman, b. 9 Sept 1858 in Green Co., Oh.; m. 13 May 1886 to Carrie Mentel, d/o Simon Mentel of Dayton, Ohio. Charles was a public accountant with the firm of Wall, Hardman & Lane in Dayton for nearly 40 years. He had one son, Walter M., who predeceased his father.<sup>41</sup>

In addition to the seventeen children that Peter raised by his two wives, he helped Sarah raise her sons by her first marriage to George Davis Edge.

Jesse Edge was b. 7 Mar 1811, eight years after his parents' marriage. On 28 Mar 1833 in Champaign Co., Ohio, he was wed to Margaret Looney (b. 29 Oct 1811/Boutetort Co., Va. - 19 Feb 1904/Muscatine, Iowa), d/o Jonathan and Mercy Marget Holsten Looney. Two of Margaret's brothers later married two of Jesse's step-sisters, Martha and Charlotte Hardman. Jesse and Margaret were the parents of eight children before they moved their family



to Cedar County, Iowa. The children were: Mary Delilah who died at 18; Jonathan Davis m. Martha J. Horn; Sarah Ann who d. at the age of 8; William Harrison who never married; Francis Marion m. Melvina Slatter; Martha Jane d. in infancy in Auglaise County, Ohio; Jasper Newton m. Anna M. McMurray; and Margaret L. m. William H. Starrett.

George Davis Edge II was born on 13 May 1813, just four months before his father's death. He m. Sophia Woodward, d/o Samuel and Sarah (Carson) Woodward, Sr., on 7 Jul 1833 in Fairfield, Ohio. Sophia was b. 7 Apr 1815 near Fairfield (now Fairborn) and d. 8 Sept 1886 near Piqua, Ohio. George d. 7 Feb 1904 at Piqua. Both are buried at Forest Hill Cemetery in Piqua. The buggy list for his funeral was preserved by family members and is printed on page 132.

George and Sophia were the parents of eight children. They were: James Laws who m. Lucy A. Adams; George Davis III m. Sarah Catherine Tarpenny; William Woodward m. Aramenta A. Simons; Elizabeth Ann d. at an early age; Charles Elliott d. at an early age; Louise Jane m. Conover Hall; Henry Clay m. Elizabeth Buxton; and Sarah Ellen m. Rufus Adam Chesney.

3. John D. Hardman, b. 7 Oct 1777<sup>42</sup> while his parents, Peter and Charlotte (Lazier/Lasier) Hardman, were living on the Youghigany River in Pennsylvania. He was the only one of their children who was not born in what is now the state of West Virginia.

In 1797 he m. Elizabeth Waggoner, d/o John and Margaret (Bonnett) Waggoner. Elizabeth, b. 5 Nov 1779, was captured by Tecumseh and two of his warriors in 1792 along with her mother and six of her brothers and sisters. Only Elizabeth and her sister Mary and brother Peter survived the Indian attack and subsequent captivity. (The story of the Waggoner family was published in Vol. II, HCJ)

John is said to have been the first white settler in what is now Skin Creek District<sup>43</sup> where he settled on Little Skin Creek at the mouth of Curtis Run.

Tradition says that Little Skin Creek had first been called "Little Muddy" by John Hacker in 1769. In that year, John Hacker brought his wife, the former Margaret Sleeth, and their only child at that time, Mary Ann, to live on his settlement on what has since been called Hacker's Creek. The summer of that year, John had cleared his land, planted his corn and "laid it by" and went to the South Branch for his family. Upon their return to Hacker's Creek, John discovered that the buffalo had recently broken into his corn and devoured a lot of it and trampled the rest. He was so angry that he left Margaret and Mary Ann and set out after the buffalo. The first day he trailed them as far as the stream now called Curtis Run and there made his camp and girdled some trees for a tomahawk claim. It is this land that later was owned by John D. Hardman. John Hacker found his buffalo at what is now Hacker Valley in Westbster County, W. Va. In the process, he explored the headwaters of the West Fork and the Little Kanawha River.

Shortly after John Hardman made his settlement in Skin Creek District, Richard Johnson took up a choice tract at the mouth of Charles Run and up and down Big Skin Creek from it. For nearly ten years, the Hardmans and Johnsons were the only permanent settlers in the district. Later settlers were Henry Butt, Peter and Lewis Bonnett and Spencer Marsh.

John Hardman built a mill for grinding corn in the creek near his home. He sold the farm<sup>44</sup> and the mill to Anthony Spaur about 1836 according to Sam B. Hardman.

Buggy List - Funeral of George Davis Edge (1813-1904)

James L. Edge  
George L. Edge  
William W. Edge  
Henry C. Edge  
George A. Edge  
William W. Edge

Grandma & Uncle Raper

Jen & Conover

Ella & Adam

Lizzie & Menta

Menta & Will

Belle & Madison

Monna & Ralph

Lillie & Harley

Belle Hall

Ernest Edge & Helen

Lewis Simes & Father

Jen & Mart

Mrs Kelly

Kate Davis

Aunt Mary

Uncle George

Ella Work

James Laws Edge ]  
George Davis Edge] Sons of  
William W. Edge ] deceased  
Henry Clay Edge ]  
Geo. A. Edge ] oldest sons  
William W.Edge] of H.C.Edge

Grandma & Uncle Raper -  
Margaret McClellan Edge,  
widow and Wm. H.R.Hardman

Jen & Conover-dau. Louisa  
Jane Edge Hall

Ella & Adam-dau.Sarah Ellen  
Edge Chesney.

Lizzie & Menta-wives of Henry  
Clay & W.W.Edge

Menta & Will-Menta Ellen Hall  
dau. of Conover Hall's

Belle & Madison-Carrie Belle  
Edge Dye, dau. of George  
Davis Edge III

Monna & Ralph-Children of  
Belle and Madison Dye

Lillie & Harley-Lillie Hall  
Bone, dau. of Conover Hall's

Belle Hall-dau. of Conover  
Hall, later mar. Len Hershey

Ernest Edge & Helen-son &  
dau. of Henry Clay Edge

Lewis Simes & Father-son-in-  
law of Wm. Woodward Edge

Jen & Mart-Jennie Edge Arch-  
ebold, dau of James Laws Edge

Mrs. Kelly-dau. Obediah Edge  
& 2nd wife, Hannah Spain

James Hardman ] Grandsons of Peter &  
Charles Hardman] Sarah Adams Edge Hard-  
Owen Hardman ] man. The George Davis  
Edge, dec'd was son of  
Sarah by first hus-  
band.

John Campbell  
Sade & Will ] Relatives of Sarah Frank  
Sam Frank ] Edge, widow of W.H.Edge

Girls from office [Martha Coats  
[of Wm. W. Edge] [Ida Pearson  
[Edith Bowyer  
[Maud McDillery

Kate Davis  
Aunt Mary  
Uncle George

Ella Work-Mary Ellen Edge  
Work, dau. of Geo. Davis  
Edge III

Called Rev. John D. Hardman in later life, he was an itinerant preacher, who, when he retired, often filled the pulpit at the Mt. Gilead Methodist Protestant Church at Georgetown.<sup>45</sup> He was buried in the cemetery then where he died 9 May 1864.<sup>46</sup>

Thirteen children were born to John D. and Elizabeth (Waggoner) Hardman.

1.                     Hardman, a son who died in infancy.

2. Jacob Wolf Hardman, b. 1801; d. 1874; m. Marion Rodman (1806-1874).<sup>47</sup>

3. Henry D. Hardman, b. 19 Feb 1803 according to his age of 83y, 10m and 5d, given on his tombstone after his death 24 Dec 1886. He was buried in Vandalia Cemetery. He m. Mary West (ca 1802 - 22 May 1871/Lewis Co, and bur. in Vandalia Cemetery), d/o Charles and May (McLaughlin) West. Charles West was the s/o Alexander West by his first wife whose name is unknown. Alexander was a s/o Edmond West of Accomac Co., Va. Alexander West's second wife was Mary Straley, d/o Christian and Christina (Lantz) Straley.

Henry taught the first school in Skin Creek District about 1811. It was in a log building near the mouth of Little Skin Creek.<sup>48</sup>

Two daughters and one son were born to Henry and Mary. They were:

a. Matilda J. Hardman, b. ca 1828; m. Martin Hyre; d. 30 Nov 1883 according to the Lewis County death records. However, her tombstone at Vandalia Cemetery says she d. 31 Mar 1883. They had at least one child, Charles.

b. Marcellus Hardman, b. 28 Aug 1829, prob. in Lewis County; m. Mahala Hyre on 19 Jan 1853 in Upshur County; d. 16 Feb 1894 according to Lewis County death records. As with Matilda, his tombstone disagrees with the death date. The stone, at Vandalia Cemetery, gives the death date as 16 Jul 1894. At least three children were born to Marcellus and Mahala; Noah "Lee" Hardman (nov 1862 - 1941) m. Julia A. Linger and both are buried at Vandalia; William Hardman, b. 1867; and John D., b. ca 1870.

c. Elizabeth M. Hardman, b. ca 1828, m. a Mr. Gribble and lived near Lost Creek according to Sam B. Hardman.

Rev. John D. Hardman's family will be continued in Vol. III, Issue 4. As with early parts on this family story, any additions or corrections to the family covered to date or any items that can be supplied on the unpublished lines will be appreciated. Send them to Joy.

To be continued in Volume III, Issue 4.

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36. Except where otherwise noted, information from family group sheets and other records submitted by Nancy B. Wall.
  37. HISTORY OF GREENE COUNTY, OHIO, p. 728.
  38. Ibid.
  39. Ibid
  40. Ibid.
  41. HISTORY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO, p. 269-270.
  42. Date supplied by Cris Waggoner.

43. Sam W. Hardman, "The People of Vandalia Community" as published in "The West Virginia Hillbilly."
44. Ibid.
45. Ibid.
46. Mt. Gilead Cemetery Records
47. Cris Wagoner
48. Hardesty's HISTORY OF LEWIS COUNTY, reprint by Jim Comstock, p. 208.

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John Hacker's Tombstone - cont.

for his service under George Rogers Clark at Vincennes and Kaskaskia and under Capt. James Booth.

Margaret's new marker will be paid for by donations from her descendants. Anyone wishing to donate to it should send their check, marked for the Margaret Hacker Marker Fund, to James J. Strong, HCPD Treasurer, 221 Highland Ave., SW., Massillon, Oh 44646.

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Hoy M. Johnston & Taylor I. Bolton - cont.

have to offer. Send them to Bob. His correct address is: Robert B. Smith, Route 1, Box 52C, Lost Creek, WV. 26385.

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JANICE CUTRIGHT IS NOT A GRANDMOTHER!

A thousand apologies, Janice! The young lady with her at the Third Gathering was her niece.

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NEW GENEALOGIES IN PUBLIC DOMAIN

Robert E. Swisher recently donated copies of two Swisher histories to the Mormon Library in Salt Lake, W. Va. University and W. Va. Dept. of Culture and History. They are: THE SWISHERS OF LEWIS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA: A GENEALOGY AND HISTORY by Albert Willis Swisher and GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL INFORMATION ON THE SWISHERS OF LEWIS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA by Carl Brent Swisher.

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OTHER CHURCHES ATTENDED AT THIRD  
GATHERING

It has been called to the editor's attention that several members at the Third Gathering in October 1984 attended churches other than Harmony. Churches visited were: Buckhannon Run United Methodist; St. Patrick's Catholic in Weston; Mormon's in Buckhannon; Grant Valley First Baptist of Lost Creek, Seven Day Baptist; and Johnstown United Methodist Church which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1984.

THE "LEWIS GENTRY": NEWLON AND WAMSLEY

The Case of Jacob Schoolcraft

By Dennis B. Rodgers

In the summer of 1834 W. G. Singleton, a U. S. District Attorney for the Western District of Virginia, traveled throughout the Lewis County area of what is now West Virginia as a Special Agent for the Commissioner of Pensions, investigating claims which had been filed for Revolutionary War pensions pursuant to the Act of Congress of 1832.<sup>1</sup> A list of those who had applied from the area would comprise a veritable "Who's Who" of Hacker's Creek pioneers and their sons.<sup>2</sup> Many had received pension certificates in the interim, having based their declarations on service in the Indian wars and otherwise. Following Singleton's reports and substantially as a result of his efforts, however, a significant number of the claimants had their pensions withdrawn and their claims rejected. One reason therefor was insufficient service, i.e., failing to prove service in any more extensive capacity than as a border scout.<sup>3</sup> But more than a few of these rejections were based on Singleton's findings that the claimants were too young to have served as they had stated, or that no proof could be found to corroborate their recollections. In essence he accused them of having filed fraudulent claims.

Singleton interviewed the claimants, taking new statements against which to compare their earlier declarations; sought verification of their respective ages; and questioned their reputations for truth and veracity within the community. He appears to have done a thorough job, but his name through the

1. See generally, Lucullus Virgil McWhorter, The Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia (Dayton, Va.: Ruebush-Elkins Co., 1915; rpt. Richwood, Va.: Jim Comstock, 1974)

2. Surnames include the following: West, Powers, Nutter, Carpenter, Westfall, Bush, Cutright, Hughes, Brown, McWhorter, Flesher, Bonnett and Waggoner.

3. Border Settlers, pp. 98, 424-425.

years has evoked a feeling of outrage in those who, like McWhorter, believe that his reports were "arbitrary and unjust."<sup>4</sup>

Was Singleton "over zealous" and "swayed by a spirit of uncharitable discrimination" as charged by McWhorter,<sup>5</sup> or did he just naturally become hypercritical upon discovering a scheme designed to defraud the government? In fairness to Singleton, the latter appears to have been the case, with the sad result that not a few of the elderly claimants were unable to prove their innocence in a climate of presumed guilt.

One must remember that by 1832 many of the veterans, most of whom were illiterate to begin with, were suffering from the mental and physical effects of old age. As so frequently has occurred over time, there are some who prey upon those with disabilities, seeking illicit gains; and the 1800's were no exception. McWhorter gave us evidence that two such opportunists were then operating in Lewis County, Johnson F. Newlon<sup>6</sup> and J. Wamsley.<sup>7</sup>

McWhorter said of Wamsley and his scheme:

(He) was actively engaged in writing fraudulent declarations on contract, and usually received as compensation all of the first money drawn. Some were signed knowingly, others were not. He wrote those of the "Messrs. Bonnetts," who could neither read nor write. He offered to write declarations for Abram Reger, a son of Jacob Reger, Sr., and Samuel Bonnett, who were too young for service in the Revolutionary War; but the offer was spurned.<sup>8</sup>

Newlon's actions were characterized in connection with the pension claim of John Cutright whose filed declaration mentioned service in the Company of Capt. George Jackson in 1781.<sup>9</sup> Later, proof was adduced that Cutright had never enlisted in that company, and McWhorter told how the disparity occurred.

4. Ibid., p. 420.

5. Ibid., pp. 120, 424.

6. Surname also appears as "Neulan" and "Naulon."

7. Wamsley's given name, Jonathan, was mentioned by Singleton in his report in the pension file of Isaac Beasley, No. R.710, obtained from the National Archives, Washington, D.C.

8. Border Settlers, p. 505.

9. Ibid., p. 98.

(Newlon), who was Cutright's agent or attorney, visited him at his home and drew up his declaration for pension, and unknown to the scout, who could neither read nor write, and for the purpose of strengthening his case, added that part of it which alleges service with Capt. Jackson. For his work, Cutright was forced to pay to the unscrupulous attorney, eighty dollars from the first money drawn.

Either in concert or in tandem, both Newlon and Wamsley were involved in the claim of Isaac Beasley also of Lewis County.<sup>10</sup> A letter in the pension file of Jacob Schoolcraft indicates that Newlon was the agent for Beasley,<sup>11</sup> but an excerpt from Singleton's report in Beasley's file clearly implicates Wamsley as well.

(Beasley) agreed to give Neulan Twenty dollars. He went to see him but not finding him at home met with Wamsley who said he could not get a pension for the sum promised Neulan. He (Beasley) then agreed to give Wamsley \$80.00. After the second agreement Wamsley sent him word that he must agree to give more. Never saw Wamsley or Neulan again.

Although the statement Singleton obtained from Beasley detailing his service was at variance with his earlier declaration, Singleton made no recommendation to reject the claim, but rather seems to have left the decision to the Pension Office. A notation in the file summarized his report with the words, "may be entitled." Singleton demonstrated what some might say was uncharacteristic sympathy and concern for a claimant, for in a transmittal note dated November 10, 1834, he wrote:

If upon comparing this statement with his Declaration you should be of opinion that Beasley is entitled send his certificate to Nathan Goff of Clarksburg. if it should fall in the hands of the Lewis Gentry the old man will be cheated out of his money.

10. National Archives, Pension file No. R.710. Surname also appears as "Beesley" and "Beesly."

11. National Archives, Pension file No. R.9268. Letter reproduced in Appendix I.

Nathan Goff was a highly respected man in his day.<sup>12</sup>

We assume Singleton was referring to Newlon and Wamsley when he wrote caustically of the "Lewis (County) Gentry," but certainly there is no doubt that he was acquainted with, and had little regard for, the two men. In light of his experience, it's no wonder that Singleton was "over zealous" in every case of an illiterate claimant, probably even assuming fraud wherever he found the "helping" hand of either Newlon or Wamsley. Easily the actions of these two could account for the notoriety evident from a later notation found in Beasley's file, "One of the W. Va. cases"!

Another of those "cases," not examined by McWhorter, is that of the previously mentioned Jacob Schoolcraft.<sup>13</sup> Newlon was his agent too, and Schoolcraft probably was illiterate, having signed by "his mark."<sup>14</sup> Therefore we, like Singleton, should be skeptical of his declaration.

When put to the test, though, how does his claim stack up? While Singleton's report in this case was brief, merely citing the testimony of Christopher Nutter who stated that Schoolcraft was too young to have served in the Revolutionary War,<sup>15</sup> the declaration relates service only as a border scout, insufficient, as we've seen, for pension entitlement. Accordingly the claim was rejected by the Pension Office, very likely at the outset - Singleton's report having served as mere frosting on the cake.

But what about the substance of Schoolcraft's declaration? At first blush it bears the impress of truth. His recitation of the events surrounding the death of Mrs. Freeman in 1778 outside

12. Nathan Goff was one of four sons of Job Goff, who migrated to Harrison County in 1804. The family was prominent in public affairs and was noted for absolute integrity. Nathan was a member of the West Virginia Legislature, a merchant and a banker. Henry Haymond, History of Harrison County (Morgantown, W. Va.: Acme Publishing Company, 1910; rpt. Parsons, W. Va.: McClain Printing Company, 1973), p. 379.

13. National Archives, Pension file No. R.9268. Transcript of Schoolcraft's declaration in Appendix II.

14. See Appendix I and Appendix II.

15. Nutter's "signature often appears in evidence against those who were dropped from the pension roll subsequent to their re-examination by Singleton." Border Settlers, p.260.



West's Fort jibes with historical accounts, except he said it was Mrs. West's bonnet which was struck by the Indian bullet, not Mrs. Hacker's.<sup>16</sup> The dates and places mentioned appear to be consistent with known circumstances, and nothing jumps out as being questionable.

Upon further checking, however, Schoolcraft's declaration is found to be too accurate. Withers' Chronicles of Border Warfare was first printed in Clarksburg in 1831, two years earlier, and a more obvious plagiarism could not be found. Some of Withers' language even appears verbatim!

The most telling part of Schoolcraft's declaration is that relating his capture by the Indians in 1777. A line-by-line comparison of his account with Withers' story of the capture of William White and Leonard Petro makes the case.<sup>17</sup> (For convenience the initials "S" and "W" are used below when attributing the statements to Schoolcraft and Withers, respectively.)

- S:   affiant, John Harrow, and Richard McCaughin, in the Month of July of that year (1777), were watching the warriors path on Fish Creek now in Tyler County, Virginia, when affiant and his Company killed a Buffaloe.
- W:   In September of this year (1777) Leonard Petro and Wm. White, being engaged in watching the path leading up the Little Kenhawa, killed an Elk late in the evening;
- S:   they repaired a Short distance from the road to roast and eat Some of the Same and to Stay during the night.
- W:   and taking part of it with them, withdrew a short distance for the purpose of eating their suppers and spending the night.
- S:   about midnight affiant awoke from Sleep, and discovered by the light of the Moon that there were Several Indians near, who had been drawn in quest of them by the report of the gun in the evening.
- W:   About midnight, White, awakening from sleep, discovered

16. Alexander Scott Withers, Chronicles of Border Warfare, Ed. Reuben Gold Thwaites (Cincinnati: The Robert Clarke Company, 1895; rpt. Parsons, W. Va.: McClain Printing Company, 1980), pp. 245-246.

17. Ibid., pp. 232-233.

by the light of the moon, that there were several Indians near, who had been drawn in quest of them by the report of the gun in the evening.

- S: he Saw at a glance, the impossibility of escaping by flight, and preferring Captivity to death, he whispered to Harrow, and McCaughin, lest any movement of theirs might lead to their death.
- W: He saw at a glance, the impossibility of escaping by flight; and preferring captivity to death, he whispered to Petro to lie still, lest any movement of his, might lead to this result.
- S: in a few minutes the Indians Consisting of twelve men Sprang on them, and affiant aimed a blow with his Tomahawk, at the head of one who lay hold on him, hoping to kill, or wound him,
- W: In a few minutes the Indians sprang on them; and White raising himself as one lay hold on him, aimed a furious blow, with his tomahawk, hoping to wound the Indian by whom he was beset, and then make his escape.
- S: but missing his aim he affected to be ignorant of the fact that they were beset by Indians, and expressed great Satisfaction and Joy in meeting with them.
- W: Missing his aim he affected to have been ignorant of the fact that he was encountered by Indians, professed great joy at meeting with them, and declared he was then on his way to their towns.
- S: Harrow and McCaughin did the Same, but Showed evident Marks of fear.
- W: They were not deceived by the artiface; for although he assumed an air of pleasantness and gait, calculated to win upon their confidence, yet the woful countenance and rueful expression of poor Petro, convinced them that White's conduct was feigned, that he might lull them into inattention, and they be enabled to affect an escape.
- S: the Indians tied them all and painted Harrow and McCaughin black, and affiant, red. affiant Continued in expressing his Satisfaction, as the Indians proceeded toward the Ohio River, which they did the Next morning
- W: They were both tied for the night; and in the morning White being painted red, and Petro black, they were forced to proceed to the Indian towns.

- S: until the indians untied him.  
W: When approaching a village, the whoop of success brought several to meet them; and on their arrival at it, they found that every preparation was made for their running the gauntlet; in going through which ceremony both were much bruised. White did not however remain long in captivity.
- S: Eluding their Vigilance he took a gun and succeeded in making his escape.  
W: Eluding their vigilance, he took one of their guns and began his flight homeward. - Before he had traveled far, he met an Indian on horseback, whom he succeeded in shooting; and mounting the horse from which he fell, his return to the Valley was much facilitated.
- S: the Others Harrow and McCaughin were never heard of afterwards.  
W: Petro was never heard of afterwards.

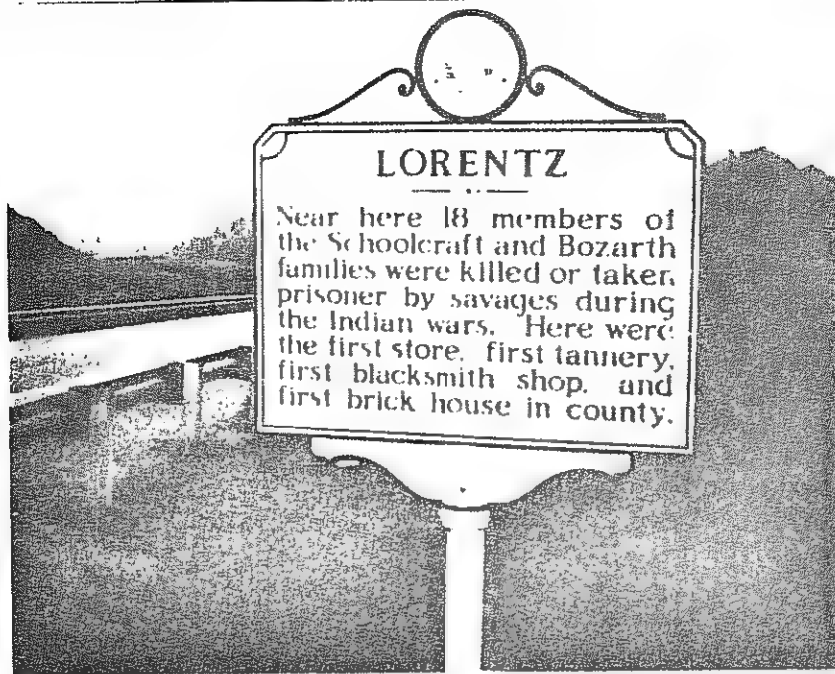
A similar comparison of the two versions of Mrs. Freeman's death reveals further identity of wording.

Schoolcraft's third major contribution concerns a massacre of the Schoolcraft family on Hacker's Creek in 1780, in which his brother Joshua and two others were killed, two persons having been taken prisoner. Unfortunately this story bears a marked similarity to Withers' account of the Leading Creek Massacre and the pursuit led by Capt. William Lowther.<sup>18</sup>

That a massacre of the Schoolcraft family occurred, though, is now firmly entrenched in West Virginia lore, first mention thereof being by Withers.<sup>19</sup> The pertinent excerpt from Chronicles is as follows: "...some Indians fell upon the family of John Schoolcraft, and killed the women and eight children, - two little boys only were taken prisoners." This event was said to have taken place sometime after October, 1779, in the Buckhannon settlement.

18. Ibid., pp. 310-313.

19. Ibid., p. 284.



Marker on U. S. Route 33 near Lorentz, West Virginia.

Years later in 1904, the reminiscences of Col. D.S. Dewees were published, and while not mentioning a massacre or definitely establishing points in time, he named John and Jacob as two Schoolcrafts "who together with a brother Leonard" were captured by the Indians.<sup>20</sup> They (John and Jacob) were "kept until nearly grown when they made their escape, their brother Leonard staying with the Indians."<sup>21</sup> He described their escape in detail, and his genealogical data identifies Jacob as the progenitor of the many Schoolcrafts in first Lewis, then Gilmer, Braxton, Nicholas, Roane, Kanawha, Calhoun, Ritchie and Wirt Counties. His only time reference was indirect and that was the statement that upon their escape, the boys attempted "to return to their home which was somewhere on the South Branch of the Potomac River." In his claim Schoolcraft stated he was born in Hardy County, Virginia, and there is substantial evidence of the family living

20. Col. D. S. Dewees, Recollections of a Life Time (Eden, Calhoun County, W. Va., 1904), pp. 21-22.

21. Leonard Schoolcraft is the infamous renegade whose participation in the West tragedy has been vividly portrayed. Chronicles, pp. 377-380; and Border Settlers, pp. 137-139.

east of the Alleghenies prior to 1774.<sup>22</sup>

In 1915, then, McWhorter concluded that John and Jacob were the two boys captured at the time of the Buckhannon massacre. Further, he reduced "women" to Mrs. Schoolcraft alone, and gave an earlier time for the capture of Leonard. When combining the two stories, McWhorter had to justify his assertion that the boys had been taken from their home in then Monongalia County, not somewhere on the South Branch.<sup>23</sup> He handled the problem as follows: "In due time, they reached one of the settlements, supposedly West's Fort.....They made known the story of their captivity and escape, and afterwards proceeded to the Wappatomaka, where it seems that their father had gone sometime after the destruction of his family."<sup>24</sup>

Hopefully the foregoing demonstrates that through the embellishments of the evolutionary process, the final version of a story, as in this case stated by McWhorter, is not necessarily gospel, but rather may be a convenient synthesis of bits and pieces of fact. Assuming the establishment of that proposition, then we must not totally ignore a declaration like Schoolcraft's, in spite of its obvious taint; for therein may lie, just possibly, a few kernels of truth. Certainly in Schoolcraft's case, the plagiarist (we assume it was the agent, Newlon) made no

22. In 1771 John and Mathias Schoolcraft each received a Patent for land surveyed in 1766, John for 53 acres on Straight Creek, and Mathias for 130 acres on South Branch, below Crabbottom. Oren F. Morton B. L., History of Highland County (Monterey, Va., 1911; rpt. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Company, 1979), p. 173; and Peter Cline Kaylor, Abstract of Land Grant Surveys (Harrisonburg, Va.: Rockingham Historical Society, 1938; rpt. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1976), p. 23. Austin, Mathias and John Schoolcraft were enumerated on an Augusta County delinquent tax list in 1766. Lyman Chalkley, Chronicles of the Scotch - Irish Settlement in Virginia (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1974), II, 420. James Schoolcraft was mentioned in connection with the 1772-1773 estate proceeding of James Stuart, *Ibid.*, III, 140, 154; and earlier in 1760 Austin Schoolcraft was mentioned in the estate proceeding of Daniel Richardson, *Ibid.*, III, 58, both proceedings in Augusta County. The earliest known possible date for the family's Trans-Allegheny migration is ca. 1774, based upon settlements of land by John, James and Matthew in then Monongalia County. See Border Settlers, p.147; Haymond, pp. 42-43; Earl L. Core, The Monongalia Story (Parsons, W. Va.: McClain Printing Company, 1974), pp. 267-268, 294; and Hacker's Creek Journal, III (Issue 2, January, 1985), p. 100.

23. The Indian name for the South Branch of the Potomac River appears variously as "Wappacomo", "Wappocomo", "Wappotomaka", and "Wappatomaka".

24. Border Settlers, p. 149.

attempt to conceal the unoriginality of his work. There are so few changes in or additions to the substance of Withers' accounts that just perhaps these variances deserve attention.

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Throughout this discussion of Schoolcraft's declaration the assumption was made that Newlon plagiarized Withers. Another possibility exists, however. What if, instead, he used one of the few copies of the precursory work by Powers and Hacker?<sup>27</sup> (Whose bonnet was that, anyway?) Could Withers have altered or "revised" those earlier manuscripts? We'll at least be able to answer the last question if we ever locate a copy of that 1825 publication!

Was Schoolcraft one of those whose "illiteracy and credulity were imposed upon, his honor ruthlessly sacrificed for a selfish motive"? Or was his declaration "signed knowingly"?<sup>28</sup> This writer believes the former. One can vividly picture an old man, who never learned to read or write, telling of his presence at West's Fort on the event of Mrs. Freeman's death, a massacre of his family, and his capture by and escape from the Indians, all jumbled up by the fogginess of time remote, not to mention

25. Ibid., p. 507.

26. Ibid., pp. 369-370, 507.

27. Hacker's Creek Journal, II (Issues 3 and 4, April and July, 1984), pp. 104-109.

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Wiston Beck 7th  
(Virginia) 1873

Dear Sir

I send you the Declarations of Jacob  
Schulcraft and David Wasy, which you will please  
examine, and if allowed forward their certificates  
to me at this place, and any communications  
you may have to make in relation to them, address  
to me by request of applicants.

Very Respectfully  
Yours &c

Mr. J. Edwards  
Commissioner of Inducers

Johnson & Norton  
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APPENDIX II

STATE OF VIRGINIA    )  
                          ) SS  
COUNTY OF LEWIS     )

On this 25th day of November 1833 personally appeared before me the Subscriber One of the Commonwealths Justices of the peace in and for said County of Lewis and State of Virginia Jacob Schoolcraft a resident of Said County and State aforesaid aged 74 years who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on his Oath Make the following declaration, in order to Obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and Served as herein Stated. That in the Month of April 1776 he Volunteered as a private and Indian Spy in the County (now) of Harrison, then in Augusta County Virginia for a period of Six Months and was placed under the command of Capt. James Boothe, was Stationed at Nutters Fort, near where Clarksburg now Stands in Harrison County, Virginia, was ordered upon the waters of Buffalo Creek, Bingaman Creek, Ten Mile Creek, waters that empty into the West fork of the Monongahalia River, and from thence upon Fish, and Fishing Creeks, that heads against Buffalo, Bingaman, and Ten Mile Creeks, emptying into the Ohio River, in the Counties now of Harrison, Monongahalia, and Tyler Virginia, the war paths of the indians to that Section of Country (now Harrison County Virginia) from Ohio River, assended Fish, and Fishing Creeks, and descended Buffalo, Bingaman, and Ten Mile Creeks. although the Visitations of the Indian enemy were frequent that year, yet affiant never come in any personal Conflict during his Servitude under Capt. Boothe as a Volunteer, and was discharged in Oct. of 1776. In March 1777 affiant was ordered out as a private and indian Spy by Capt. Robison, who Stationed his men at Power's Fort, (on Simpsons Creek) now in the County of Harrison, Then in Monongahalia County Virginia State. was placed upon the Same waters, and in the Section, and Territory of Country enumerated above, in his Servitude under Capt. Boothe. affiant John Harrow, and Richard McCaughin, in the Month of July of that year, were watching the Warriors path On Fish Creek now in Tyler County Virginia, when affiant and his Company killed a Buffaloe. they repaired a Short distance from the road to roast and eat Some of the Same and to Stay during the night. about midnight affiant awoke from Sleep, and discovered by the light of the Moon that there were Several Indians near, who had been drawn in quest of them by the report of the gun in the evening. he Saw at a glance, the impossibility of escaping by flight, and prefering Captivity to death, he whispered to Harrow, and McCaughin, lest any movement of theirs might lead to their death. in a few minutes the Indians Consisting of twelve men Sprang on them, and affiant aimed a blow with his Tomahawk, at the head of one who lay hold on him, hoping to kill, or wound him, but missing his aim he affected to be ignorant of the fact that they were beset by Indians, and expressed great Satisfaction and Joy in meeting with them. Harrow and McCaughin did the Same, but Showed evident Marks of fear. the Indians tied them all and painted Harrow and McCaughin black, and

affiant, red. affiant Continued in expressing his Satisfaction, as the Indians proceeded towards the Ohio River, which they did the Next morning until the indians untied him. Eluding their Vigilance he took a gun and succeeded in making his escape. the Others Harrow and McCaughin were never heard of afterwards. affiant returned and Commenced his Spying excursions again and from the frequent incursions of the Savage Indians, into that Settlement, that year it was thought advisable by Capt. Robison for the Safety of the inhabitants to Continue his Spies until November, which he did making his Servitude a Continuous one in the year of 1777 Nine Months. affiant does not recollect by what authority he was brought into Service that year other than being ordered Out, from frailty of recollection in that particular, but he knows that he Served, as above, and knows that the above narrative is Correct. he was dismissed in November by his Capt. Robison, and in January 1778 he moved to (now) Lewis County Virginia on Hackers Creek, where he went into Fort known by name of Wests Fort. in April 1778 affiant Volunteered as a private and Indian Spy under Capt. Lowther who had Charge of that Fort, for a period of Six Months, to Spy on the waters of Hackers Creek, Kincheloe Creek, Freemans Creek, Stone Coal Creek, Polk Creek, Leading Creek, Hughes River waters now in the Counties of Lewis, Harrison and Wood, in Virginia State. affiant had returned to Fort in June of that year with intelligence of Indian Sign on Hughes River approaching the Settlement. the next day thereafter, three woman Stepped into an adjoining field to gather Some Greens. Four Indians were laying watching them, one gun was fired, the ball passed through the Bonnett of Mrs West, the woman took to flight, the Indians pursued them for the purpose of making prisoners of them. they were discovered by Some of Capt. Lowthers Spies who Surprised them, three took to flight, the other who Carried a Staff in his hand with a Spheere in one end thrust it through the body of Mrs Freeman and Succeeded in taking her Scalp, although Several Guns were discharged at him while doing the same. affiant was one who pursued them to Leading Creek, at which place they lost their trail and they Succeeded in effecting their escape. many bloody deeds were Committed upon the Settlement that Season but affiant being in no personal Conflicts deems it not necessary to particularize any further, but Suffices it to Say that his Servitude was a Continuous One until October of that year and was discharged by Capt. Lowther. in the Spring of 1779 affiant undertook to raise a Crop in the neighborhood of Wests Fort on Hackers Creek, now in Lewis County, but in July of that year the Indians had poured in so numerously upon the Settlement and had Committed so many outrages, that affiant Volunteered as a private and Indian Spy for a period of Four months under Capt. Lowther, was again Stationed at Wests Fort as before, Spied through the Same Section of Country and Waters as before last enumerated. during which Servitude of Four Months he aided in retaking some horses that the Indians had Stolen, nothing else of particular occurrence happening he was discharged in November of that year Then in May 1780 affiant again Volunteered as a private and Indian Spy in what is now Lewis County Virginia on Hackers Creek in said County under Capt. Lowther for a period of Six Months, was again Stationed at Wests Fort (as before) entered upon his Spying excursions on the Same Waters in the Counties of Lewis Harrison and Wood, Virginia State, as enumerated in his former Services under Capt.

Lowther. in June of that year a party of Indians Six in number approached Hackers Creek Settlement now in Lewis County, killed his Brother Joshua, and two of his Children, and took two more prisoners, Stole some horses and Commenced a rapid retreat. Capt. Lowther who was a man remarkable for his Vigilance Collected Such of his Spies as were Convenient, and prevailed on Some of the persons Set apart to attend, and raise grain, to pursue the Savages. affiant was one that accompanied. after trailing 30 Miles they Came upon the enemy in the night, they was ordered by Capt. Lowther, to withdraw Carefully a Short distance, which they done, he then divided his Company Consisting of thirteen men, directed, Some on one Side, and Some on another, and Surrounded the enemy, gave Special Orders for no man to fire until he gave the word at which time all was to shoot, taking good Care to not kill the prisoners as they had a good fire, that gave fine light. at the word they all Shot, and killed four Indians dead upon the ground, killed one of the prisoners (namely Thomas) Wound one Indian, and the other escaped, leaving Guns and everything behind, among which was the Scalps of those whom they had killed. they retook horses \_\_\_\_\_ affiant Continued his Services Vigilently until November of that year when he was discharged by his Capt. Lowther. then in the year of 1781 affiant did not perform any Spying Service, only took Occasional Scouts, and raised a Crop of Corn \_\_\_\_\_ on Hackers Creek now in Lewis County, Virginia. in March 1782 Affiant Volunteered again as a private and Indian Spy under Capt. Lowther again for a period of Six Months was again Stationed at Wests Fort in Lewis County Virginia as before entered Vigilently upon his duties upon the Same Waters and in the Same (last) named Counties as before enumerated. the indians made an Incursion into the Settlement in June, of that year, also in July and in August of that year, each time killed a few of the Inhabitants, burnt Some houses and Stold Some horses. was pursued each time by Capt. Lowther and Company among whom affiant was One. the party of Indians that Visited in July were overtaken and their flight was a precipitate one, the horses were retaken and they escaped. affiant Served as a private and Indian Spy until August at which time he was discharged in the latter part of that month by his Captain Lowther. he knew the following officers while in the Service that he recollects up at present, Capt.'s Boothe, Wilson, Lowther, Carpenter, Jackson, and Pringle. he does not recollect the names of any Cols at that time, neither does he recollect of having been attached to any regiments, and was never at that period among any of the regular troops, as the nature of his Services did not direct him to where any were Stationed. He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he Can procure who can testify to his Services.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

*His*  
*Jacob I Schoolcraft*  
*March*

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These inscriptions were copied by rows which give an indication of family connections. Parents of individuals will be given where known by the compiler. Copied by Hartzel G. Strader 28 Aug 1981 - rechecked 21 Apr 1984.

#### Row 1

STRADER, Cora A. b. 1874, d. 1958 (d/o Jacob & Mary (LINGER) FORINASH)  
STRADER, Charles A(bram) 1875-1954 (s/o John & Mary E. (LINGER) STRADER)  
BENNETT, Ressie G. b. 1898, d. 1948  
BENNETT, Charles G. b. 1882, d. 1961 (husband of Ressie G.)  
HAWKINS, O. Ben b. 1868, d. 1958

#### Row 2

CLARK, Irene b. 23 Oct 1906, d. 29 Oct 1910 d/o T.R. & M.E.  
CLARK, Thomas G. b. 5 Sept 1914, d. 28 Feb 1974 W.Va. Cpl U.S. Army WWII  
(s/o Thomas R. & M.E.)  
CLARK, Richard D. b. 1909, d. 1977 (s/o Thomas E. & M.E. CLARK)  
TAYLOR, Margaret E. b. 1844, d. 1920  
SPAUR, Cora Life b. 1892, d. 1977 Beloved Mother  
STRADER, Ida E. b. 1874, d. 1948 (d/o Thomas & Lydia A. (HEROLD) WARNER  
STRADER, W. Irvin b. 1869, d. 1955 (s/o John & Mary E. (LINGER) STRADER  
COGAR, Raymond C. b. 1891, d. 1976  
LINGER, Pearl I. b. 12 Aug 1916 (w/o Ledford O.)  
LINGER, Ledford O. b. 14 Sept 1919, d. 15 May 1958 Pfc 3233 QM Service Co.  
WWII W.Va. (s/o Oscar & Maude (FLINT) LINGER  
LYNCH, Rosa V. b. 1881, d. 1953  
LYNCH, John L. b. 1876, d. 1943  
HYRE, Sudie Olena b. 1902, d. 1930  
WEST, William H. b. 5 May 1927, d. 7 May 1927  
WELLS, W.E. b. 1872, d. 1929  
Georgia his wife b. 1871, d. 1950 (d/o Jacob & Mary (LINGER) FORINASH)

#### Row 3

WILFONG, Orville N. b. 1906, d. 1961  
HARDMAN, Bertie V. b. 1888, d. 1943 Mother  
HARDMAN, Ella F. w/o A.R. b. 15 Aug 1872, d. 12 May 1909  
HARDMAN, Anthony R. b. 1869, d. 1940  
LINGER, Minnie F. b. 1877, d. 1928  
LINGER, Marion C. b. 1872, d. 1936  
BOTT, Nathan Edward b. 1856, d. 1936 (s/o Washington A. & Margaret (MARSH) BOTT  
Mary C. his wife b. 1856, d. 1931 (d/o William O. & Rebecca (SMITH) GOULD

Row 3 continued

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SPAUR, Earl A. b. 1876, d. 1962 Father  
SPAUR, Howard M. b. 1915, d. 1959 Son  
SPAUR, A. Catherine d/o Earl A. & Cora b. 9 May 1917, d. 1 Dec 1924  
FORINASH, Mary E. w/o J.C. b. 1840, d. 1922 (d/o William LINGER)

Row 4

LINGER, Cora M. b. 1873, d. 1939  
SIMMONS, Lloyd b. 1885, d. 1941  
SIMMONS, Gertrude his wife b. 1888, d. 1971  
WEST, Edna G. b. 15 Dec 1888, d. 26 Aug 1922 Mother  
WEST, Porter A. b. 9 Dec 1876, d. 19 July 1920  
WEST, Ollie G. his wife b. 27 Feb 1877, d. 11 Oct 1961  
WEST, F. M. b. 1851, d. 1916  
WEST, Cora A. his wife b. 1856, d. 1916  
SIMMONS, Bertie J. b. 1878, d. 1928  
SIMMONS, Orval H. b. 1887, d. 1954  
LINGER, Estelle b. 3 June 1914, d. 19 July 1914 d/o F.A. & Gay  
ROLLYSON, John A. b. 1852, d. 1926  
ROLLYSON, Ollie L. b. 1865 d. 1949  
ROLLYSON, Martin s/o J.A. & Ollie b. 1908, d. 1913  
WAUGH, Martha E. b. 2 Oct 1906, d. 9 Aug 1908 d/o E.L. & S.M.  
WAUGH, Enoch L. b. 1842, d. 1932  
WAUGH, Sarah M. b. 1865, d. 1938

Row 5

FRANCIS, Owen Thomas b. 1879, d. 1932  
FRANCIS, Ivy Blanch b. 1883, d. 1960 (d/o Nathan Edward & Mary C. (GOULD) BOTT  
BOTT, Lela F. b. 1 Aug 1879, d. 19 Nov 1965 (d/o Nathan Edward & Mary C.  
(GOULD) BOTT  
HAWKINS, Mary L. b. 1909, d. ----  
HAWKINS, Everett R. b. 1902, d. 1975 (s/o Ben HAWKINS)  
RADABAUGH, Granville b. 1866, d. 1931  
RADABAUGH, Eliza b. 1869, d. 1931  
HAMMER, Ed 19 Feb 1914 s/o L.F. & N.D.  
RITTENHOUSE, Lawrence b. 1878, d. 19--  
RITTENHOUSE, Fronie B. b. 1875, d. 1945 (d/o Jacob & Mary (LINGER) FORINASH)  
RITTENHOUSE, Clotile L. b. 4 Oct 1910, d. 9 Oct 1910  
RITTENHOUSE, Evelyn Black b. 1913, d. 1939  
WEST, James M. b. 26 Jan 1856, d. 3 Dec 1910  
WEST, Margaret his wife b. 1869, d. 1947  
HARDMAN, S.B. b. 6 Apr 1834, d. 17 May 1908  
HARDMAN, Rebecca A. b. 4 March 1836, d. 15 Jan 1917  
HARDMAN, Sam W. b. 1866, d. 1937  
KERR, J.A. b. 1864, d. 1927  
KERR, Mary L. his wife b. 1859, d. 19--  
BOGGS, W.B. b. 1 Feb 1855, d. 29 June 1907  
BOGGS, Lyde C. b. 31 July 1861, d. 3 Apr 1952  
MARSH, Emory K. b. 1878, d. 1926 MW of A  
LINGER, Kirk C. b. 31 Oct 1882, d. 14 Feb 1910  
LINGER, William b. 1852, d. 1914  
A. Eliza his wife b. 1859, d. 1923  
LINGER, infant sons of Mr. & Mrs. Hugh W. Linger  
WANLESS, Granville b. 22 Feb 1892, d. 16 Mar 1962 - W.Va. Pfc. 1 Corps.  
School Det. WWII

Row 6

LEMMONS, Pharris S. b. 1867, d. 1939  
 LEMMONS, Lucy A. b. 1865, d. 1961 (his wife, d/o John W.&Minerva J.(LINGER)ZINN  
 LEMMONS, Clark James b. 12 Sept 1895, d. 27 Aug 1918 Co. K 6 Inf. WWI  
 MARSH, Grover P. d. 29 March 1939 W.Va. Pvt 1 Cl S6 Co. Trans Corps  
 MARSH, Lula H. b. 1888, d. 1972 (Grover's wife)  
 MARSH, Glen H. b. 2 Sept 1913, d. 15 Oct 1913 s/o J.C.&L.J.  
 WEST, Robert Lynn b. 1948, d. 1948 s/o Mr. & Mrs. Paul West  
 WARD, David H. b. 1851, d. 1922  
 WARD, Susan E. b. 18 Feb 1850, d. 10 Mar 1904 w/o D.H.  
 WEST, Lesly Ward b. 11 June 1914, d. 6 Sept 1914 s/o J.L.&M.E.  
 WEST, James L. b. 1881, d. 1947  
 WEST, Mary E. b. 1879, d. 1950  
 STRADER, Ralph b&d 26 Oct 1912 s/o J.A. & Cosby  
 STRADER, Darious b&d 26 Feb 1907 s/o J.A.&Cosby  
 STRADER, M. Newell b&d 30 May 1924 (s/o Clyd & Helen (LINGER) STRADER)  
 SMITH, Mary Davis b. 1877, d. 1963 Mother  
 DAVIS, Davy H. b. 19 Jan 1874, d. 15 Sept 1905  
 DODSON, Marcel A. d. 28 June 1915 aged 66y6m9d w/o James

Row 7

LIGHT, Joseph H. b. 1911, d. 1960  
 LIGHT, Wilma M. b. 1907, d. 1963 m. 20 Sept 1951 (d/o William & Georgia  
 (WEST) ZINN  
 SPAUR, Terrie F. b. 6 Dec 1896, d. 5 Jan 1945  
 SPAUR, George O. b. 23 Sept 1889, d. 6 Sept 1964 Commander USNR WWII  
 SPAUR, Ray Jr. s/o R.O. & Ethel 23 Nov 1922  
 WYATT, Rosco Harold b. 26 June 1909, d. 29 Aug 1914 s/o J.W.&M.J.  
 WYATT, John Paul b. 1915 d. 1931  
 TALBOT, Frederick G. b. 14 Nov 1875, d. 5 Aug 1910 MW of A  
 PETERSON, John D. b. 20 Apr 1847, d. 6 Apr 1910  
 PETERSON, Margaret A. b. 2 Apr 1852, d. 18 Nov 1937  
 JOHNSTON, Jesse b. 1833, d. 1914  
 JOHNSTON, Caroline V. his wife b. 1834, d. 1902  
 STRADER, John b. 14 Feb 1837, d. 21 Apr 1924 (s/o John&Elizabeth(KESSEL)STRADER  
 STRADER, Mary E. b. 16 Jan 1847, d. 22 Sept 1902 (d/o John & Lucina(CRITES)LINGER  
 SPAUR, Lloyd J. b. 7 Mar 1882, d. 4 Aug 1912, s/o G.C.&M.V.  
 SPAUR, Etta B. b. 15 Apr 1875, d. 6 Dec 1903 d/o G.C. & Margaret V.  
 SPAUR, G.C. b. 9 Dec 1845, d. 16 Aug 1908 Father  
 SPAUR, Margaret V. his wife b. 22 Jan 1853, d. 17 Nov 1902 Mother

Row 8

CURRY, Lola A. b. 1890, d. 1968  
 HERSMAN, Glenn Marsh b. 6 Feb 1873, d. 14 Aug 1949  
 MARSH, G.M. b. 16 Jan 1848, d. 8 Oct 1921  
 MARSH, Mary J. b. 5 Sept 1847, d. 26 Apr 1904  
 JONES, Henry b. 1813, d. 1902  
 JONES, Sallie C. b. 1815, d. 1898  
 JONES, S.C. b. L'&L, D. L(#&  
 JONES, Katherine E. his wife b. 1842, d. 1932  
 WARD, Abraham R. b. 19 March 1837, d. 28 May 1901  
 WEST, Robert Boyd, b. 14 July 1920, d. 27 July 1953 W.Va. Pfc Co. A 99  
 Cml Mortar Bn. WWII  
 FRANCIS, Mary Jane b. 16 Jan 1860, d. 8 Nov 1927

In 7th row is a large monument showing the history of the Peterson Family

1750	Peterson In Memory of	1971
Lawrens Peterson		Swedish
Nancy Jones Peterson	4 children	Welsh
Henry son of Lawrens Peterson		1761-1821
Asenath son of Lawrens Peterson	7 ch.	17 -1
William son of Lawrens Peterson		1762-1837
Mary Bennett Peterson	13 ch.	1770-1833
Ezekiel son of William Peterson		1791-18
Catherine Dolly Peterson	2 ch.	1790-1886
Samuel Jackson Peterson		1860-1833
M. Waunettie Peterson	6 ch.	1864-1947
Aaron Dolly son of Ezekiel Peterson		1814-1876
Lydia Tolbert Peterson	11 ch.	1815-1878
Their children & spouses		
Sara Jane P. 1835-1924 (m) Asahel Casto		1835-1914
David T. P. 1838-1913 (m) Marietta Jackson		1845-1888
Samuel J. Peterson		1840-1866
Catherine E. P. 1842-1932 (m) Samuel C. Jones		1841-1937
Christina P. 1844-1872 (m) James W. Duncan		1845-1922
John D. P. 1847-1910 (m) M. Ann Jnes Talbot		1852-1937
Mary Ellen P. 1849-1937 (m) Thomas Eokes		1846-1920
Job B.P. 1850-1925 (m) S. Virginia Hyre		1852-1924
Nicholas E.P. 1854-1946 (m) Margaret V. Hyre		1856-1933
Matilda M.P. 1856-1864 (m) Lee Roy Horner		1851-1932
Charles Peterson		1860-1863
Lola Dale P. 1887-1963 (m) W.B. Linger		1875-1941
(Daughter of John D. Peterson)		

Lawrens Peterson family - Lawrens Peterson came from Sweden to this country about the middle of the 18th Century & settled on the East Coast. Nancy Jones Peterson his wife was of Welsh Descent. Their son William Peterson later moved to Pendleton County, Virginia now W.Va. still later he moved to Harrison County now Lewis County where he lived first 1801 on Stone Coal Creek and then 1823, on Big Skin Creek within a few miles of the Hall or Vandalia Cemetery where both William and his wife are buried. Their son Henry Peterson moved from Cumberland, Maryland, about 1816 to Stone Coal in Lewis County, where he later died and was buried at Weston. Their many descendants are widely scattered in West Virginia, the East Coast, the Middle West and North West.

Row 8 continued

RADABAUGH, Mary V. b. 4 Nov 1828, d. 12 Dec 1902, aged 74y1m8d  
 RADABAUGH, Abram b. 15 Jan 1829, d. 8 Aug 1899  
 BENNETT, D.S. b. 1849, d. 1918  
 BENNETT, Hortensie R. his wife b. 1850, d. 19--  
 DAVIS, Susan A. b. 16 Oct 1846, d. 27 Aug 1912  
 BENNETT, Adam b. 1836, d. 1915  
 FRANCIS, Robert F. b. 2 Apr 1910, d. 2 May 1910 s/o E.C.&R.C.



Row 9

ZINN, John W. b. 16 Apr 1839, d. 28 Feb 1923  
 ZINN, Menerva J. b. 29 Mar 1840, d. 23 Sept 1898 (d/o John D. & Lucina (CRITES) LINGER)  
 The following on same stone - no abbreviations  
 MORRISON, Hannah b. 1834, d. 1894  
 MORRIS, Dora A. b. 1860, d. 1898  
 MORRIS, Florence A. b. 1865, d. 1893  
  
 JONES, H. Goff b. 1885, d. 1939  
 ALKIRE, Fay b. & d. 16 July 1900 s/o J.N. & Blanche  
 MORRISON, Dr. Franklin P. b. 1 Apr 1849, d. 3 Jan 1903  
 MORRISON, Elizabeth J. b. 1841, d. 1910  
 MORRISON, Docie L. b. 1882, d. 1969  
 TAYLOR, Thomas H. b. 1877, d. 1950  
 TAYLOR, Margaret C. b. 1881, d. 1945  
 TAYLOR, Charles A. b. 1906, d. 1909  
 ZINN, William M. b. 1881, d. 1961 (s/o John W. & Minerva J. (LINGER) ZINN)  
 ZINN, Georgia A. b. 1883, d. 1955 (his wife - maiden name WEST)  
 BERRY, Ophie G. b. 1906, d. 1972

Row 10

WEST, Virginia M. b. 1899, d. 1938  
 WEST, Cecil S. b. 1894, d. 19--  
 HARDMAN, John Dollyd. 17 Sept 1896 aged 26y4m11d  
 HARDMAN, Lillian R. d. 6 Sept 1898 aged 26y10m19d w/o J.D.  
 YOAK, May B. b. 1876, d. 1897  
 WEST, Mary L. b. 1875, d. 1947  
 WEST, J.O. b. 1874, d. 1949  
 LINGER, N.F. b. 1841, d. 1911 (Nicholas Fairburn s/o John D. & Lucina (CRITES) LINGER)  
 LINGER, Lucinda his wife 1835-1911 (d/o John C. & Mary (BONNETT) MARSH)  
 LINGER, Alabert N. b. 1867, d. 1892  
 LINGER, Minnie M. b. 1874, d. 1879  
 MORRISON, Eliot G. d. 3 Sept 1854 (or 1834) aged 7-4-4 s/o J. & M.  
 MORRISON, Gibson O. d. 17 Sept 1847 aged 2y3m19d s/o J. & M.  
 MORRISON, Manly C. d. 10 Apr 1862 aged 24y6m1d s/o J. & M.  
 WATSON, Lilly Jane d. 25 Oct 1872 aged 3y11m15d d/o J. A. & E. J.  
 MORRISON, Lydia A. d. 12 March 1874 aged 32y9m28d w/o G.C.  
 MORRISON, Granville C. d. 20 March 1874 aged 30y7m3d s/o J. & M.  
 MORRISON, Jacob d. 8 March 1885 aged 71y8m20d  
 MORRISON, Margaret b. 18 Oct 1813, d. 23 May 1906 w/o Jacob  
 MORRISON, Jacob L. d. 26 Oct 1889 aged 38y7m24d  
 WILSON, Amanda E. b. 1855, d. 1936  
 MORRISON, Roy b. 12 Feb 1879, d. 1 May 1902  
 MORRISON, Isaac b. 1817, d. 1895  
 MORRISON, Harriett b. 1817, d. 1905  
 ZINN, Lillie G. b. 1881, d. 1954  
 ZINN, Thomas G. b. 1878, d. 1971 (s/o John W. & Minerva Jane (LINGER) ZINN)

Row 11

HARDMAN, Benson B. b. 27 Apr 1908, d. 11 Feb 1974 W.Va. EM3 USNR WWII  
 HARDMAN, Julia A. b. 1867, d. 1939 (d/o Nicholas D. & Matilda (BRADSHAW) LINGER)  
 HARDMAN, Noah Lee 1862-1941 (s/o Marcellus & Mahala (HYRE) HARDMAN)  
 LINGER, Luther F. d. 20 Mar 1889 aged 28y4m14d s/o N.A. & L.  
 LINGER, Lillie B. d. 24 Aug 1885 aged 1y2m14d d/o N.M. & A.

Row 11 continued

FORINASH, Elias P. b. 1827, d. 1905 (s/o Jacob Sr. & Hannah (PETERSON) FORINASH)  
 FORINASH, Harriet K. b. 1835, d. 1913 (maiden name SMITH)  
 FORINASH, Mandie b. 1857, d. 1885 d/o E.P.&H.K.  
 ROLLYSON, infant b&d 3 Oct 1882 d/o J.A.&L.

The next two on same stone

MATTHEWS, Pearl L. b. 1904, d. 1955  
 FERGERTSON, Pauline b. 1932, d. 1972  
 BENNETT, Mary Bell b. 1879, d. 1952  
 BENNETT, Mack Wood b. 1882, d. 1956  
 SMITH, Margurite Bennett b. 1876, d. 1916  
 BENNETT, Mary C. d. 21 Dec 1886 aged 20y8m15d d/o S.&S.  
 BENNETT, Sarah d. 2 Nov 1888 aged 51y8m12d w/o Salem  
 BENNETT, Salem Co. D. W.Va. Inf.  
 BENNETT, J.M. b. 25 July 1863, d. 12 Oct 1922  
 WEST, Stokes C. b. 15 May 1894, d. 16 July 1968, W.Va. Pfc 319 Field Hosp.  
 80 Div. WWI

Row 12

RADABAUGH, Odra E. b. 12 Jan 1898, d. 24 Jan 1899  
 RADABAUGH, Sherman b. 7 March 1869, d. 17 June 1898 aged 29y3m11d  
 STRADER, Bessie b. 27 May 1890, d. 17 March 1898 d/o J.&M.E.  
 STRADER, Lucy J. d. 19 June 1894, aged 23y5m29d d/o J.&M.E.  
 STRADER, B.S.A. d. 21 July 1888 aged 6y w/o J.&M.E.  
 STRADER, Lillie A. b&d 26 Apr 1884 d/o J.&M.E.  
 MARSH, Nathan N. b. 1841, d. 1910  
 MARSH, Sarah L. b. 14 Sept 1839, d. 28 Jan 1935  
 FRANCIS, Sarah Olive b. 1858, d. 1936  
 FRANCIS, John R. b. 1828, d. 1913  
 FRANCIS, Sevilla b. 1834, d. 1911  
 MARSH, Catherine E. b. 4 Mar 1837, d. 25 Jan 1840 d/o J.C. & M.  
 MARSH, Emily J. b. 18 Jan 1832, d. 17 Jan 1835 d/o J.C.&M.  
 MARSH, Infant b&d 1843 d/o J.C.&M.  
 BOTT, Jane F. d. 21 Aug 1886 aged 25y9m16d d/o (? W.) & Margaret  
 BOTT, Rosie Blanch d. 19 June 1890 aged 20y5m17d d/o W.A. & Margaret  
 BOTT, Washington A. d. 5 Jan 1893 aged 60y2m20d (s/o Jacob & Jerusia  
 (ROHRBAUGH) BOTT  
 BOTT, Margaret b. 21 Feb 1833, d. 17 Dec 1912 w/o W.A. (d/o John C. &  
 Mary (BONNETT) MARSH  
 BOTT, Georgia Belle d. 26 Mar 1894 aged 21y11m9d d/o W.A.&M.  
 WARNER, Altia b. 17 Jan 1884, d. 14 Jan 1924 (footstone is Altia REED)  
 WARNER, Alvinzy b. 3 Oct 1852, d. 29 Oct 1924  
 WARNER, Verdillia b. 4 Jan 1862, d. 25 Feb 1949  
 WARNER, C. Ramie b. 1877, d. 1961 (s/o Alvinzy & Verdillia (LINGER) WARNER)  
 HARDMAN, M. L. b 28 Aug 1829, d. 16 July 1894  
 HARDMAN, Mahala A. b. 1835, d. 1920  
 HARDMAN, Henry D. d. 24 Dec 1886 aged 83y10m5d (s/o Rev. John HARDMAN)  
 HARDMAN, Mary b. 26 Dec 1807, d. 22 May 1871 aged 63y4m26d, w/o Henry D.  
 (d/o Charles WEST)  
 HYRE, Matilda J. d. 31 Mar 1883 aged 53y11m29d w/o Martin  
 JONES, Troy b. 29 Dec 1890, d. 29 Dec 1890  
 JONES, Oswel b. 9 Nov 1891, d. 2 Feb 1892  
 JONES, Kate b. 4 July 1867, d. 10 Nov 1927  
 JONES, W.T. b. 7 Jan 1868, d. 26 Apr 1936  
 MARSH, Gilbert Brent b. 9 Feb 1877, d. 11 Dec 1955  
 MARSH, Lula B. b. 5 June 1881, d. 15 June 1967  
 FRANCIS, Harley W. b. 1910  
 Virginia H. b. 1910, d. 1983 (d/o Gilbert & Lula MARSH)

Row 13

DUNCAN, N. Troy b. 1881, d. 1948  
 DUNCAN, Bessie L. b. 1883, d. 1931  
 DUNCAN, Levil d. 20 Feb 1881 aged 27y9m6d s/o J.&M.S.  
 DUNCAN, Martha b. 1821, d. 1895  
 DUNCAN, Jacob d. 28 Mar 1883, aged 70y7m28d  
 DUNCAN, J.W. b. 1845, d. 1922  
 HORNOR, Margaret M. b. 14 June 1856, d. 13 Jan 1884  
 HORNOR, Lee Roy b. 6 Dec 1851, d. 6 Apr 1932  
 HORNOR, Evalena A. b. 9 Dec 1861, d. 29 Nov 1931  
 HORNOR, Cecil M. b. 14 Jan 1891, d. 20 March 1954 w.Va. Pvt 71 Spruce Sq. WWI  
 GOULD, Rhoda May d. 7 Sept 1885 aged 11y3m3d d/o G.D.&ME.  
 SIMONS, Minnie O. d. 3 Sept 1902 aged 25y5m29d w/o G.R.  
 SIMONS, Dewey Gray d. 25 Aug 1902 aged 4y9m11d s/o G.R.&M.O.  
 WEST, David H. b. 1822, d. 1891  
 WEST, Barbara his wife b. 1833, d. 1923  
 WAFNER, Allia d. 17 Jan 1884 aged 8y d/o A.A.&V.J.  
 MORFISON, David b. 1817, d. 1898  
 MORRISON, Helen his wife b. 1819, d. 1867  
 WEST, Mary J. b. 22 July 1859, d. 25 Feb 1902 w/o W.A.  
 WEST, Alice b. 3 May 1878, d. 18 Sept 1911 w/o CAA.  
 FRANCIS, John A. b. 19 Jan 1846, d. 9 Aug 1924  
 FRANCIS, Reuben b. 28 Aug 1811, d. 29 May 1875  
     Jane his wife b. 23 July 1813, d. 13 Oct 1895  
 MARSH, Mary w/o J.C. & d/o Peter & M. BONNETT, born on Hackers Creek  
     17 Nov 1806, married 17 April 1831, died 25 June 1894  
     aged 87yr7mo&8days (actual inscription on stone)  
 MARSH, John C. b. 17 Dec 1809, d. 23 Aug 1900  
 BONNETT, Margaret no dates (w/o Peter & d/o Nicholas & Margaret(MoNEMAR)LINGER  
 MARSH, Margaret b. 17 May 1845, d. 13 Sept 1882 w/o Nathan N.  
 MARSH, children of N.N. & M.  
 MARSH, William N. b. 19 Sept 1865, d. 22 Sept 1865 w/o N.N. & M.  
 MARSH, Ruhan J. b. 21 Oct 1861, d. 3 Jan 1864 d/o N.N. & M.  
 HAMMER, Rachel C. d. 30 Apr 1851 aged 3y6m23d d/o J.&E.  
 CASTO, Didemma d. 8 Dec 1857 aged 13 d d/o A.&S.  
 BENNETT, Isaac b. 22 June 1811, d. 29 July 1885 aged 74y1m7d  
 BENNETT, Mary d. 18 Sept 1887 aged 79y w/o Isaac  
 HYRE, Janeta b. 5 May 1857, d. 17 July 1898 w/o E.W.  
 LINGER, George Scott b. 5 Nov 1868, d. 2 May 1896

Row 14

WEST, Meacle b. 1885, d. 1977  
 WEST, J.A. b. 1885, d. 1958  
 unreadable stone  
 WETZEL, D.E. b. 1822, d. 1896  
 WETZEL, L.A. b. 1828, d. 1907  
 WEST, Elizabeth b. 10 May 1830, d. 4 June 1897  
 WEST, Belinda b. 1 Dec 1816, d. 28 Oct 1884  
 JOHNSTON, Clarence B. b. 1869, d. 1950  
 JOHNSTON, Georgia I. b. 1884, d. 1954  
 JOHNSTON, Vila A. b. 7 Oct 1870, d. 31 May 1901 w/o C.B.  
 PETERSON, infant b&d 29 Jan 1890 d/o N.E. & M.V.  
 HORNER, William D. d. 8 Dec 1895 aged 76y9m13d  
 HORNER, Amanda C. d. 18 Jan 1891 aged 67y1m26d w/o Wm. A.  
 HORNOR, R.H. b. 1845, d. 1922  
     Henrietta his wife b. 1843, d. 1880  
 HORNOR, W.E. b. 1878, d. 1930  
     Lola B. his wife b. 1888, d. 1982 (d/o Nathan Edward & Mary C.(GOULD)BOTT

Row 15

HAMMER, Susan Jane d. 25 Aug 1886 aged 60y9m16d w/o George  
HAMMER, George d. 1 June 1890 aged 65y6m29d  
HORNOR, John b. 1849, d. 1898  
     Lucy C. b. 1858, d. 1883  
HORNOR, John S. b. 1898, d. 1965  
     Nellie J. b. 1923  
HYRE, Little Troy d. 3 Oct 1880 aged 8y9m24d s/o L.M.&M.A.  
WYNLESS, Elizabeth d. 27 Apr 1878 in her 69 year, w/o John

Row 16

\_\_\_\_\_, Mary (Sandstone - not legible) ? 1777 see pg 4  
PETERSON, William d. 18 Oct 18(57) aged 75 (sandstone - not legible) see pg 4  
FORNASH, Jacob d. April 1837 (sandstone)  
FORNASH, Anna d. 1837  
CUMMINS, Eveline d. 13 May 1873 w/o Wm.  
WHEELER, Elizabeth d. 2 May 1884 aged 54y5m1d  
WHEELER, Jacob d. 2 July 1875 in his 71 year  
WHEELER, Margaret d. 18 Jan 1888 aged 90y7m8d w/o J.  
HAMMER, Lee C. (stone worn - not legible-? d. 30 June 1890 s/o A?&N.J. aged 9m7d)  
HAMMER, Mary J.W. d. 21 Mar 1892 aged 30y17d, w/o Albert, d/o W.A.&M. BOTT

Row 17

HAMMER, Albert b. 1851, d. 1916  
HAMMER, Henry b. 27 June 1814, d. 25 Jan 1897  
WARD, Johnson b. 16 Feb 1804, d. 11 Feb 1888  
WARD, Martha E. w/o Johnson b. 10 Feb 1815, d. 19 July 1898  
SMITH, Elizabeth d. Apr 1853 (sandstone)  
PETERSON, William b. 1762, d. 18 Oct 1837 see pg 4  
PETERSON, Mary b. 12 March 1770, d. 1833 see pg 4  
PETERSON, James R. Dec A BR 2 E 18(30) sandstone

Row 18

HALL, Martha Jane b. 1827, d. 1901 w/o Ezra  
HALL, infant d/o David & Elizabeth  
HALL, infant s/o David & Elizabeth  
HALL, infant d/o David & Elizabeth  
BOZATHEP, Mary w/o John d. 15 Oct 1863 aged 100 years  
HALL, Rev. David husband of Elizabeth d. 30 Nov 1870 aged 70y8m26d  
     (s/o Joseph HALL)  
HALL, Elizabeth w/o David d. 6 Jan 1883 aged 83 yrs.  
FRANCIS, Johnathan d. 23 Dec 1872 aged 9y20d s/o Wm.P. & Jane  
TENNY, Alice b. 16 Apr 1858, d. 8 March 1898 w/o F.  
WEST, Belinda b. 1 Dec 1816, d. 28 Oct 1884  
     Elizabeth b. 10 May 1830, d. 4 June 1897  
RADABAUGH, Ora E. b. 12 Jan 1898, d. 24 Jan 1899

Row 19

DUNCAN, Matilda A. b. 28 Aug 1851, d. 25 March 1900 w/o J.W.  
HARDMAN, Lillie G. d. 16 Jan 1892 aged 22y9m29d, w/o W.M. & d/o  
     A.V. & M.A. MARSH  
HARDMAN, Lola d. 24 Dec 1891 d/o W.M. & L.G.  
HARDMAN, William M. b. 25 June 1865, d. 19 March 1900  
MARSH, E.A. (sandstone - not legible dates)  
MARSH, A.J. died May (? 1844) sandstone)  
MARSH, George I. d. 16 Oct 1866 aged 17y6m17d s/o G.I. & M.

Row 19 continued

GIBSON, G. b. 10 March 1836, d. 9 March 1913  
 Sarah J. his wife b. 15 Jan 1837, d. 27 Jan 1867  
 on a second stone, but evidently the same person as preceeding  
 GIBSON, Sarah Jane w/o G. d. 27 Jan 1867 aged 30y12d  
 LINGER, John Wesley b. 1854, d. 1944 (s/o Nicholas D. & Matilda (BRADSHAW) LINGER)  
 LINGER, Dora Bartlett b. 1857, d. 1933  
 LINGER, Catherine Dolly b. 1790, d. 1866 (d/o John DOLLY Sr. & w/o Nicholas II)  
 LINGER, Nicholas 2nd b. 1792, d. 1865  
 LINGER, Nicholas D. d. 30 Sept 1876 aged 55y7m10d  
 LINGER, Matilda M. w/o N.D. b. 1831, d. 1913  
 LINGER, Mary Jane d/o N.D. & M.M. d. 11 Dec 1876 aged 16y4m12d  
 FLINT, Martha E. b. 1865, d. 1943  
 LINGER, Maud M. b. 1882, d. 1974 (d/o Martha E. & w/o Oscar LINGER)  
 LINGER, Mary d. 26 Apr 18(8)0 aged 8d d/o L.A. & H.R.  
 LINGER, Gertrude d. 25 Jan 1887 aged 6m d/o L.A. & H.R.  
 LINGER, Troy d. 30 June 1890 aged 1m s/o L.A. & H.R.  
 LINGER, infant b. 1895, d. 1895 d/o J.W. & D.B.  
 PLANT, Mary J. d. 5 Dec 1903 aged about 80 years

Row 20

WELLS, John b. 10 May 1833, d. 19 Nov 1890 Co. C. 1st W.Va. Cav.  
 WELLS, Margaret M. his wife b. 6 Aug 1839, d. 8 July 1906  
 BARNESGROVE, Drusilla d. 27 Nov 1890 aged 41y10m15d w/o A.V.  
 SPAUR, Press Illinois Pvt. Coast Arty 3 Jan 1934  
 SPAUR, Lafayette L. b. 5 Sept 1850, d. 14 Nov 1908  
 SPAUR, Tinta A. d. 15 March 1880 aged 1y6m2d d/o G.D. & M.E.  
 SPAUR, Alfred M. d. 16 Apr 1877 aged 17y8m s/o G.D. & M.P.  
 SPAUR, Dora V. d. 15 Feb 1872 aged 4m19d d/o G.D. & M.E.  
 SPAUR, Gideon P. d. 15 March 1869 aged 7y10m16d s/o G.D. & M. P.  
 SPAUR, Manda S. d. 4 Oct 1875 aged 1y5m25d d/o G.D. & M. P.  
 SPAUR, Margaret P. d. 27 Nov 1880 aged 42y6m28d w/o G.D.  
 SPAUR, Gideon D. b. 2 June 1835, d. 8 July 1883  
 BONNETT, Daniel R. d. 8 Aug 1883 aged 35y5m11d  
 MARSH, Rev. George I. d. 13 May 1874 aged 60y11m4d  
 WINEMILLER, Aron Lee b. 5 March 1847, d. 10 Apr 1922  
 Ruhama his wife b. 5 March 1843, d. 21 Oct 1875  
 MARSH, (? Gracel) d/o W. & (?) d. 10 Aug 1878 aged 6m12d  
 WINEMILLER, Lillie M. d. 21 March 1882 aged 1y8m2d d/o A.L. & R.E.  
 WINEMILLER, James E. b. 3 Jan 1884, d. 4 March 1884 s/o A.L. & R.E.  
 WINEMILLER, Anne b&d 6 Nov 1885 d/o A.L. & R.E.

Row 21

WALDECK, Ray b. 1908, d. 1981  
 Zelma G. b. 1907, d. 1969  
 GROVES, Jed A. b. 1873, d. 1941  
 GROVES, Esta M. b. 1877, d. 1950  
 WINEMILLER, Ruhama d. 21 Oct 1875 aged 32y7m16d w/o A.L.  
 FISHER, Mary J. b. 11 Feb 1813, d. 28 Aug 1879

Row 22

HARDMAN, Sarah M. d. 16 June 1892 aged 32y d/o J.C. & D.  
 HARDMAN, John C. b. 1 Dec 1835, d. 22 Sept 1893  
 HARDMAN, Dufina w/o John C. d. 10 Nov 1873

Row 22 continued

SPAUR, A.R. d March 1893 aged 79y6m4d (undoubtedly Anthony R. SPAUR,  
s/o Anthony & Magdalena (ROHRABAUGH) SPAUR) member of CSA  
SPAUR, Sarah w/o (dates not legible)(d/o Louis & Mary (LINGER) BONNETT,  
b. ca 1812 d. 30 April 1874 age 62yr)  
SPAUR, Jacob b. 1836, d. 1904  
CLARK, Amanda S. b. 3 Dec 1819, d. 13 Apr 1887 d/o G.D. & M.J.  
SPAUR, W.S. b. 13 June 1842, d. 27 Feb 1904  
SPAUR, Elizabeth b. 1851, d. 1918  
SPAUR, Sarah C. d. 4 Oct 1889 aged 35y24d d/o G.S. & S.G.  
SPAUR, A.L. d. 11 July 1887 aged 3y8m21d s/o G.S. & S.G.

Row 23

the next three on same stone- children of G. W. & L.M. TALBOTT  
TALBOTT, Willie d. 10 Nov 1879 aged 4m11d  
TALBOTT, infant d. 3 March 1878 aged 12d  
TALBOTT, Minnie d. 27 Dec 1883 aged 4m20d  
HARDMAN, Lee d. 29 Aug 1887 aged 2y7m14d s/o John G. & N.S.  
FORINASH, John J. d. 14 July 1884 aged 64y7m3d

Row 24

CARLIN, Annette d. 8 May 1880 aged 17 y d/o Granville & Susan  
CARLIN, infant d. 1 Jan 1879 d/o G. & S.  
GOODEN, William D. d. 2 March 1889 aged 17y9m5d s/o A. & B.  
GOODEN, Rebecca d. 15 July 1882 aged 49y1m28d w/o A.  
TAYLOR, Rachel V. b. 24 July 1856, d. 11 Nov 1890 w/o R.I.  
GOODEN, Sarah Elizabeth d. 9 Feb 1891 aged 14y11m 28d  
CLARK, Gideon D. b. 22 March 1833, d. 23 March 1900  
CLARK, Nancy J. b. 22 Sept 1835, d. 3 Dec 1907

Unknown Name Cemetery

This burial plot is located on the farm owned by Mr. and Mrs.  
W. H. ASPINALL along the line fence to the Mrs. Olive WEST heirs  
and is directly west of the main cemetery in Vandalia, Lewis County,  
W.Va. This is across the Skin Creek on a knoll about 300 yards from  
the creek. There appears to be five graves, three which have granite  
markers lying along the fence. The width of these matched well  
carved bases remaining in the ground at the grave location about  
twenty feet away. The other two were sunken resemblance of graves.

1. McCOY, Rev. John d. 19 Feb 1873 aged 71y4m28d
2. GIBSON, Isabella d. 7 Aug 1866 aged 64y7m25d, w/o William
3. one sunken grave beside the corresponding base of Isabella GIBSON  
which is likely her husband William.
4. FLESHER, Mary McGee d. 28 Oct 1862 aged 1y20d, d/o C.L.&M.
5. another sunken grave beside the baby Mary McGee grave.

JOHN HACKER'S TOMBSTONE  
to be  
RETURNED TO W. VA.

John Hacker died at his settlement on Hacker's Creek on 20 Apr 1824 and was buried in what is now called the Morrison Cemetery. He was survived by his widow, the former Margaret Sleeth, and eight of their eleven children. Margaret died in 1832 and was buried beside him.

John's and Margaret's graves are marked with twin tombstones that are showing the ravages of time. These tombstones, from their style and similarity to other stones in the old cemetery, appear to have been placed on the graves after Margaret's death.

According to Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia, John's grave had been marked with an earlier tombstone which was probably placed there at time of his death and which was inscribed quite differently from the present stone. In 1891, Henry M. Hacker sent the inscription from the present stone to Lyman C. Draper, according to the Draper Manuscripts; and, in 1914, Lucullus McWhorter said that both stones were at the cemetery, with what appears to be the older stone on a grave a few feet from John's. McWhorter speculated that the several unmarked graves between John and others of his family belonged to some of John's children. Present day researchers agree with his speculation.

At any rate, sometime after 1914, the original John Hacker tombstone disappeared from Morrison Cemetery.

With the forming of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants in 1982 and efforts by its members to preserve the Morrison Cemetery, as well as the resurgence of interest in the Hacker family, researchers began to question what became of the original tombstone.

One Lewis countian, a Hacker descendant and HCPD member, claimed that the tombstone that now marks the grave had been taken to Kansas but was returned at the request of the late Mary (Warner) West. This story was partially correct.

Others thought that the tombstone might be buried under the dirt and debris of one of the many groundhog holes in the cemetery, although probing had not revealed it.

At the 1984 Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Gathering, it was found and it is now enroute to West Virginia.

One of the events of the 1984 gathering was a tour of the Hacker's Creek area, with a stop at Morrison Cemetery. The tour was divided in three groups with each group having a different leader.

The group led by Joy Gregoire Gilchrist, fourth g. granddaughter of John and Margaret (Sleeth) Hacker, included John Sheldon Hacker of Tyler, Texas, great-great grandson of John Hacker.

As she had at other stops on the four hour tour, Joy was telling the group about the site. While telling about the Hacker tombstones, she mentioned the inscription from the original marker and the meaning of it. (See exhibit A).

John Sheldon Hacker said, "It's O.S. and stands for Old Style calendar."

Joy then said, "I wish I could see it for myself, but we don't know where it is. I've heard that it's somewhere in Kansas."

"It's in Tyler, Texas," responded John.

Knowing that John lived in Tyler, she asked, "Do you have it?"

"Yes, I saved it," he replied. "My uncle, Roy Hacker, had it.

After he died, I was visiting my aunt and found it laying face up in the garden path. I took it home with me to save it. I intended to bring it with me (to the Gathering), but I flew and couldn't. If you'll come after it, I'll give it to you to bring back."

Without hesitation, Joy said, "I'll come after it next spring."

Following the gathering, Joy and her husband Charles began to make plans for a spring trip to Texas with Charles' cousin, Paul Barnett, and his wife, Lynn. The two couples have vacationed together for several years and find it enjoyable and a relatively inexpensive way to travel.

Paul was appointed official photographer for the tombstone trip.

No connection has been found between Paul's Barnett family and Daniel and Sarah (Hacker) Barnett but the family are searching for one. Lynn is a descendant of John Gray, last survivor of the American Revolution. John Gray lived in the Morgantown area in the 1780's and was married to Mary Meeks, perhaps at that location.

The Gilchrists and Barnetts left for Texas on 21 March 1985 and reached Tyler on Monday, 23 March 1985.

John Sheldon Hacker and his wife, Ethel, greeted the two couples most graciously. While they visited, John pointed out that all the males in his direct lines were named John Hacker. Ethel prepared a delicious luncheon with a tuna salad cold plate. After lunch, they strolled in the Hacker backyard among Ethel's wisteria and azaleas and viewed the tombstone leaning against a tree in a garden setting. After some picture taking, the tombstone was loaded in the car and goodbyes were said amidst plans for John's trip to the 1985 gathering.

The Gilchrists and Barnetts continued on to College Station, Tx., the same day where they had supper with Clerissa Tatterson, another HCPD member. Clerissa and Joy are cousins through the Polen/Poland/Poling family and Clerissa's deceased husband, Ben, was Joy's cousin through the Straley family. This visit ended with a promise by Clerissa to submit some Cozad information for inclusion in a future Journal.

By the time the two couples returned to Ohio on Sunday, 31 March, John's tombstone had acquired many more miles of travel. It went to San Antonio where the vacationers visited the Alamo and the Riverwalk, to Laredo where they crossed over to Mexico for an afternoon's shopping, to Galveston where they strolled the sandy beaches, to LaKe Charles, La., where they had delicious steaks at the Black Angus, and to New Orleans where they wandered through the French Quarter eating bignettes and cafeaulait.

The tombstone now reposes in the Gilchrist living room awaiting the next leg of its journey back to West Virginia.

Plans are being made for a ceremony at the Morrison in late spring or early summer when the original tombstone, along with those currently on the graves of John and Margaret, will be given to some W. Va. library or museum for preservation, and bronze markers will be placed upon the graves. The decision as to the repository for the markers has not been made at this date.

John's new marker is government issue. He was entitled to the marker

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QUERIES

1. Need info on parents of Jacob WOLFE, b 1755, d 1823 m. Anna STRALEY. Also need b. & d dates and info on parents of Anna STRALEY. Need b & d dates and info on parents of Frances BEATH, w/o James R. WOLFE, s/o Jacob. Need info on parents of Polly Sleith/Sleeth b. 1780, m. George PARSONS, 31 Dec 1801, Harrison Co. James D. ANDERSON, P.O. Box 951, Clendenin, WV 25045.
2. Who were par/o Zebedee FISHER, b 1846, Lewis Co; served Civil War, liv. Jane Lew 1870; m. Sarah Elizabeth BARNETT 13 Dec 1874, d/o Daniel and Sarah S. BARNETT. Sarah E., sis/o Thomas M., Anne E., Harriet, Elias T., Salathiel W., Emily B., Hannah I., and Margaret B. Zebedee and Sarah E. FISHER had 8 children: Maud, b 1875; Izora, b 1877; Dent, b 1879; Ethel, b 1880; Alberta, b 1885; Buena Smith, b 1889; Dyre, b 1891; Jesse Eva, b 1893. Moved to Clarksburg late 1890's. Sarah S. BARNETT, d/o Jonathan and Hannah (BENNETT) HACKER. What did the S. stand for? Sarah Elizabeth TREECOST, Rt. 2 Box 332, Clarksburg, WV 26301
3. Elam Cummings ROBINSON was b 2 May 1841, where?; m. Almira Arminta MARPLE 26 Apr 1860, Lewis Co.; Elam d 5 Oct 1865 in Bryant, Ill. His par. Nelson & Catherine (LAMP) ROBINSON. Need info on family. John F. MC KEE, 201 Fairview Dr., St. Albans, WV 25177.
4. Harriet Jane HINZMAN, b 7 Dec 1839, at Berlin, Lewis Co., Va.; d 15 Jan 1889, in Lewis Co; m. James Perry KEE on 29 Dec 1859. Where married in Lewis Co.? Believe her par. were William and Mary WETZEL HINZMAN. Need more info on family. John F. MC KEE, 201 Fairview Dr., St. Albans, WV 25177.
5. Seek info on ancestors and desc. of Samuel POE, b ca 1738, d. 1819, m. Margaret KING. Their son, Stephen POE, b 1774, d. Marion Co., WV, m. Margaret CLENDENNING. Hilda (SNOW) SAYRE, Rt. 1, Box 92, Buckhannon, WV 26201.
6. Need info desc. of Benjamin SAYRE, b 21 Apr 1774 NJ; s/o David & Hannah (FRAZIER) SAYRE; m 12 Mar 1795 Monongalia Co., VA, Nancy Ann TUCKER. Ch: Mary (m Snoden KINNEY); Solomon (m. Liddia DAVIS); Squire (m. Lydia DAVIS); Hannah (m. Manuel DOTSON); Susannah (m. John DOTSON); and Hiram (m. Mary \_\_\_\_\_?) Hilda (SNOW) SAYRE, Rt. 1 Box 92, Buckhannon, WV 26201.
7. Need children/grandchildren of William KELLEY, soldier in War of 1812. One son, John L. KELLEY, b. 1 Mar 1803 at Front Royal, Va. John m. Tacy DAVIS and d 10 Feb 1876 in Roane Co., WV. Trying to connect with William Lewis KELLEY, b 30 Sept 1837/Pendleton Co., Va., m Louisa CUNNINGHAM, d 1919, prob. Braxton Co., WV. Dorothy Jean KING, 10900 Cadiz Rd., Cambridge, OH 43725.
8. Philip PETERSON & wife, Elizabeth, living in Hardy/Grant Co., (W)V 1799-1806. Is this the same Philip who is on census of Green Co., OH.,

in 1820 & 1830? Does anyone know maiden name of Elizabeth? Their children b in Hardy Co.: Sahra, 1799; Jesse, 1802; Elizabeth, 1804; and Philip, 1806. Doris P. POINSETT, 5920 31st PL NW, Washington, DC 20015.

9. Information on William WARD m. Sarah SHOBE in Hardy Co., Va., 1804?? Her father, Leonard, willed 200 acres at the mouth of Duck Creek, Harrison Co., Va., to Sarah WARD, her heirs, the land William had improved, 1831. It was all sold to their oldest son, Solomon, ca 1860. Marie GUM, 1216 Woodland Ave NW, Canton, Oh 44703.
10. Seek mar. record of David SMITH, b ca 1741-1743, and Lydia BALL. They m. ca 1762. Also mar. record for Gabriel WRIGHT and Deborah BALL. Deborah and Lydia are said to be sisters. And mar. record for Nancy Ann SMITH, d/o David and Lydia (BALL) SMITH, to Alexander SLEETH. In Shelby Co., Ind., I need death record of Nancy Ann (SMITH) SLEETH, ca 1834/1836. She was 70-72 years of age. May give parents and place of birth. Also want death record of David SMITH ca 1835, ae ca 94 yeears. Evelyn LYNCH, 400 W. Main Rd., Conneaut, OH 44030.
11. What happened to James & Elizabeth (JACKSON) LEMMONS? Would like to know where they died and where they are buried. Who were Elizabeth's parents? Janis CUTRIGHT, 205 Belvedere Ave S., Warren, OH 44483.
12. Need help on these SMITH ancestors. Susannah SMITH, b 1 Mar 1836, Harrison Co, d/o Aaron and Catherine "Kitty" (MARTIN) SMITH, m. Samuel Hardin FORSYTHE on 27 Aug 1857, Clark Co., Ill. She went to Ill. with here sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and John MALLOY. Aaron SMITH AND Catherine MARTIN m. 3 Jan 1827 in Harrison Co. Seek more info on her. Aaron b 13 Aug 1810, Harrison Co., s/o James and Sarah CUTRIGHT SMITH, who were m. 13 Mar 1792/Harrison Co. Who were Sarah's par.? James SMITH, b 1773/1774, nr Simpson Creek, s/o Aaron, b 23 Mar 1751/Trenton, NJ, and Sarah (ALLEN) SMITH, who were m. in NJ and moved to Simpson Creek in 1772. Sarah ALLEN, d/o Joshua and Elizabeth ALLEN. Aaron Smith, b 1751, s/o James/Jeromy SMITH and Ann PARK SMITH of Trenton, NJ. Ann d 1754/NJ. Will exchange info on any of these. Mrs. Fred MAIENSCHIEIN, 838 West Outer Drive, Oak Ridge, Tnn 37830.
13. Seek any info on HACKER family before William, b 1680, d 1772, f/o John. M. Eleanor HACKER, 2205 Enoch, PO Box 293, Zion, ILL 60099.
14. FOUR REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS by Eloise M. ROBERTS covers SLEETH, WRIGHT, SMITH and HACKER families. Am interested in acquiring more info on all four families. Maynard Wright ZLOMKE, Rt. 4 Box 245A, North Platte, NE 69101.
15. Anyone know in what year HITT families came to Hacker's Creek area? Anyone familiar with HITTs in Washington, D.C., Fairfax, Arlington, Va., area? Am look for relatives of James Lafayette Washington HITT, s/o

Ludweel, and William HITT, b/o J.L.W. Does Luddwick HITT ring a bell? Will exchange any info on all Hitts. Mrs. Conrad LINE, 2812 Erie Ave., Baltimore, MD 21234.

16. Seek info on Henry CURTIS, b 1824; m. Prudence "Prudy" WARNER, b 1830, d/o James WARNER and Agnus \_\_\_\_\_?, on 11 Feb 1848 in Lewis Co., Va. Their children: McCulloch, Artensa, Margaret, James B., Jane, William, Jacob and Dora Malissa. Who were par of Henry CURTIS? Would like to hear from the descendants of Henry and Prudence. Any info appreciated. Elva COOL NALLY, 141 Fairview Dr., New Martinsville, WV 26155.
17. Any info on James WARNER, b 1802, Va., m. Agnus \_\_\_\_\_, b. 1807, would be appreciated. Their children: Prudence, Adam, Sarah A., Eldridge C., Rheuhanan, Granville, and Pheby J. Who were James par.? What was Agnus' maiden name? Elva COOL NALLY, 141 Fairview Dr., New Martinsville, WV 26155
18. William J. MURRY, b 1834 in Va., s/o John and Jane MURRY, m. Mary F. DODSON 23 May 1854 in Lewis Co. Mary, d/o Philip William and Permelia DODSON. William J. MURRY d. before 1866 and his widow m. Peter BONNETT 6 Jun 1866 in Lewis Co. When and where did William MURRY die? What was maiden name of John MURRY's wife, Jane? Dr. James F. STEPHENS, Rt. 1, Pineview Dr., Laurinburg, NC 28352.
19. Lewis Co. marriages 1817 - 1880, p. 26, lists: George CLINE and Hannah BUSH 18 May 1843. Who were his par? Would like to hear from anyone having info on family. Harris K. JENSEN, 9019 Liptonshire Dr., Dallas, TX 75238. PH 214-348-8669.
20. Seek info William JOHNSON, d 1795/Harrison Co., Va. Dau. Hannah m. Patrick MC CANN 1787. William's wife (Ruth?) and 3 child massacred by Indians in 1789. Four children taken captive. Need date and place of William's birth and verification wife's name. Harris K. JENSEN, 9019 Liptonshire Dr., Dallas, TX 75238.
21. Am researching following surnames, desc. of whom moved from Hacker's Creek area to Muskingum Co., Oh.: BRAKE, BROWN, DAVIS, FLESHER, HUGHES, JACKSON, REGER, ROBINSON, STUMP, TANNER and TAYLOR. Will exchange info. Dorothy TUNIS, 5640 Baughnean Rd., Zanesville, OH 43701.
22. Need proof that Deborah HUGHES that m. William RADCLIFF/RADCLIFFE was d/o Thomas HUGHES. BORDER SETTLERS by Lucillus McWhorter does not state that I can find. Condra MILLER, 8314 Hadley, Overland Park, Ks 66212.
23. Would like to know when Henry Waldeck SLEETH, s/o David Wallace SLEETH, was b. and where. James Riker SLEETH, Jr., Star Rt. 1, Berea Rd., Pullman, WV 26421.

24. Can anyone give info on where and when Catherine CARPENTER, w/o David Wallace SLEETH, born? Where and when were they m.? Annarose SLEETH BOWERS, 604 Hatherleigh Rd., Baltimore, MD 21212.
25. Desire info on John (b ca 1770) and Elizabeth (b ca 1775) EDMUNDS. They had dau Elizabeth who m. John FLESHER. Freda Charleen TIPTON, 8906 Stage Coach Rd., Little Rock, Ark 72209.
26. Need par of John CARTER, d 1902/Doddridge Co, WV, says b in Upshur Co. ca 1819. m. Harriet HARPER 25 Apr 1849 in Harrison Co. Need her parents. Jean OVERFIELD, PO Box 304, Lakemore, OH 44250.
27. Seeking info Urias CLINE who m. Sarah MC HENRY, d/o Laurence and Magdalene McHenry, 3 Feb 1831 in Lewis Co., (W)V. Bond signed by George CLINE. Elizabeth RUSSELL, 165 North Main St., London, OH 43140.
28. Interested in Felix S. HALL family, b. 30 Jan 1818; m. Abigale BURNSIDE who b 18 Dec 1820. Their desc. William, m. Harriet RIGHTMIRE. William and Harriet m. in Clarksburg and those records say she b Taylor Co. I can't find her. Can you? Edna YOST, 414 Fairfax, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411.
29. Would like info par. of Andrew J. HOLBERT. Was he brother of Martha Ann who m. Isaac W. NUTTER & Eliza who m. Thomas T. CLEAVINGER? All were in Ritchie Co. or Gilmer Co. 1850 - Isaac in Calhoun in 1860. Moved to Kansas ca 1865. Jeanne B. FORNEY, 4004 Frampton Ct., Englewood, OH 45322.
30. Seek info on father of William SIMS, b ca 1760-65 and place of birth. William was trustee at Harmony Church when it was established. Will exchange info. Mazie Willa SIMS, 819 Echo Rd., So. Charleston, WV 25303.
31. Parents of Presley HAMILTON (HAMBLETON), Rev. Soldier, of Weston, Lewis Co.; m. (1) Fanny NORRIS, Fauquier Co., Va.; (2) Susannah LAWSON in Fauquier Co. 8 Feb 1801. Living in Weston in 1822. Ch. Elizabeth, b 10 Apr 1802. Were there other children?? Bonnie Isabel WALLACE, Rt. 2 Box 55, Van Wert, OH 45891.
32. Who is father of Sarsh BENNETT/BRISSEY 17 Apr 1809 - 18 Jun 1894? Ch: John BENNETT d battle of Piedmont 1864; Andrew Jackson BENNETT 1831-1907, Wood Co.; Benjamin Franklin BRISSEY, prisoner of war;] Charity BRISSEY m. Waldo W. GIFFORD. What is Sarah's maiden name? I have her letters dated 1850's to 1870's. Some of the names mentioned are: Wm. WEESE, Calvert SWIGER, Amos SEASE (could this be SLEETH?), Sarah HOLDER, ROE and others. I find some of my MOUNT ancestors in Lewis County. Does anyone know where Humphrey and Prudence MOUNT are buried? E. Nadine HOFMANN, Rt. 1 Box 186, Belleville, WV 26133.